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HELD AT

Fargo, N. D., beginning Tuesday, June 8th, A.·.L.·.5897.

FIRST DAY.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. was opened in the hall of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·.F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continued in said City until Wednesday, being the 8th and 9th days of June, A. D. 1897, A.·. L.·., 5897, commencing at high twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

William T. Perkins (5).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Robert M. Carothers (4)....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
James D. Vail (31).....as R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
.....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
John Trenaman (1).....W.·., Grand Chaplain
Edwin H. James (30).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Theodore F. Branch (6).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
Alfred Steel (6)..... as W.·. Senior Grand Steward

Thomas L. Foulks (12).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
George A. Fridd (7).....W.·. Grand Marshal
John Shuler (10).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
Louis B. Hanna (20).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Draper A. Lindsey (1).....W.·. Grand Lecturer
James Johnson (33).....W.·. Grand Tyler

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of Lodges were present, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

INVITATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That all resident and visiting Masons in good standing be invited to attend the communication of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

MINUTES ADOPTED.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby (10) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with, and they be adopted and approved as appearing in the printed proceedings.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee of three on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: Alfred Steel (6), John J. Hull (15), Emery S. Beardsley (5).

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference be appointed to whom shall be referred all reports of the Grand Officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: David E. Morgan *(21)*, John Grandy *(23)*, James L. Green *(39)*.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We find the following Grand, Past Grand Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Representatives from particular Lodges, present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

William T. Perkins (5) ..... M.·.W.·.Grand Master
R. M Carothers (4) ..... R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master
Geo H. Keyes (13) ..... R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden
Frank J. Thompson (1) ..... R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary
John Trenaman (1) ..... W.·.Grand Chaplain
Edwin H. James (30) ..... W.·.Senior Grand Deacon
Theo. F. Branch (6) ..... W.·.Junior Grand Deacon
Thomas L. Foulks (12) ..... W.·.Junior Grand Steward
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Louis B. Hanna (20) ..... W.·.Grand Pursuivant
James Johnson (33) ..... W.·.Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1) ..... P.·.G.·.M.
John F. Selby (10) ..... P.·.G.·.M.
Albert B. Herrick (12) ..... P...G.·.M

George L. McGregor (6) ..... P.·.G.·.M.
William H. Best (3) ..... P.·.G.·.M.
William James (23) ..... P.·.G.·.S.·.W.
James S. Campbell (1) ..... P.·.G.·.J.·.W.
Geo A. Luce (27) ..... P.·.G.·.Treasurer
Don R. Davidson (15) ..... P.·.G.·.Treasurer
David S. Dodds (24) ..... P.·.G.·.Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), M.·. W.·. Albert B. Herrick (12), M.·. W.·. George L. McGregor (6), M.·. W.·. William H. Best (3), M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1).

Finance—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. Walter L. Stockwell (11), W.·. James D. Vail (31) W.·. Grant S. Hager (30), W.·. E. George Guthrie (3).

Grievances and Appeals—W.·. Walter L. Williamson (25), W.·. Clinton D. Lord (26).

Foreign Correspondence—M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1).

And Representatives from the following lodges;

SHILOH LODGE No. 1	Draper A. Lindsey, W.·. M.·. S.·. W.·.* Walter J. Larshbough, J.·. W.·.
PEMBINA LODGE No. 2	Not represented.
CASSELTON LODGE No 3	E. George Guthrie, S. W. W. M.* J. W.*
ACACIA LODGE No. 4	D. M. Holmes, W. M. S. W.* J. W.*
BISMARCK LODGE No. 5	Emery S. Beardsley W. M. Asa T. Patterson, S. W.† Frank Reed, J. W.
JAMESTOWN LODGE No. 6	David A. Carnagan, W. M. J. W.* Alfred Steel, S. W.
VALLEY CITY LODGE No. 7	H. O. Sterl, W. M. O. A. Laughlin, S. W.† L, S. Irgens, J. W.†
MANDAN LODGE No. 8	Not represented
CEREAL LODGE No. 9	W. W. Heffron, W. M., J. W.* E. H. Fuller, S. W.
HILLSBORO LODGE No 10	Martin L. Rude, W. M.† Thomas Harrison, S. W.† John F. Selby, J. W.†
CRESCENT LODGE No. 11	F. H. Sprague, W. M.† Walter L. Stockwell, S. W. D. C. Moore, J. W.†
SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE No. 12	T. L. Foulks,†

Ellendale Lodge No. 13	Geo. H. Keyes, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Sanborn Lodge No. 14	Chas. F. Revell, W. M., J. W.* Wm. McKean, S. W.
Wahpeton Lodge No. 15	J. J. Hull, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
North Star Lodge No. 16	O. H. Phillips, S. W,, W. M.* J. W.*
Minto Lodge No. 17	Geo P. Harvey, W. M.† J. W.† G. H. McPherron, S. W.†
Mackey Lodge No. 18	B. N. Stone, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Goose River Lodge No. 19	Not represented.
Hirman Lodge No 20	E. Q. Carver, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21	D E. Morgan, W. M.† S. W.† Jno. F. Cowan, J. W.†
Tongue River Lodge No. 22	F. J. Farrow, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Bathgate Lodge No. 23	John Grandy,†
Euclid Lodge No. 24	R. E. Metcalf, W. M.† Chas. Adler, J. W., S. W.*
Anchor Lodge No. 25	D. L. Warriner,†
Golden Valley Lodge No. 26	Clinton D. Lord, W. M.† Geo. E. Towle. S. W.† Geo. Honey, J. W.
Occidental Lodge No. 27	Louis A. Jacobson, W. M., J. W.* Jno. A. Klovestad, S. W.
Forest River Lodge No. 28	Edwin Church, W. M., J. W.* John McDonald, S. W.†
Hope Lodge No. 29	Halley V. Hicks, W. M., S. W.* John Kennedy, J. W.†
Temple Lodge No. 30	Geo. H. Garnett, W. M. Theo. A. Thompson, S. W. E. T. Thompson, J. W.†
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 31	B. K. Rush,†
Dickinson Lodge No. 32	John Riesbeck, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Star in the West Lodge No33	C. Aurland, W. M..† J. W.† James Johnson, S. W.†
Lebanon Lodge No. 34	F. J. Hodgins, W. M.,† S. W.† Robt. Meiklejohn, J. W.†
Hamilton Lodge No. 35	J. T. Blacklock,†
St. Johns Lodge No. 36	J. B. Sprague, W. M.,† J. W.† W. G. Ballock, S. W.
Fairmount Lodge No. 37	Nels. P. Nelson, W. M., J. W.* Charles Tuttle, S W.†
Crystal Lodge No. 38	Wm. S. Stinson, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Mizpah Lodge No. 39	Jas. L. Green, W. M., S. W. * J. W.*
Cando Lodge No 40	Geo. Martin. W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Maple River Lodge No. 41	Angus Brodtkorc, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*

REYNOLDS LODGE No. 42..... Not represented.

MOUSE RIVER LODGE No. 43.... { Geo. H. Soule, W. M.
E. C. Stevens, S W.†
Ed. M. Frisby, J. W.†

TUSCAN LODGE No. 44..... Wm. R. McIntosh, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE No. 45 Jack N. Brown,†

EVERGREEN LODGE No. 46..... { O. D. Comstock, W. M., J. W.*
J. O Brown, S. W.†

WILLOW LODGE, U. D..... { Thos. E. Fox, W. M.,
E. S. Fiske, S. W.

MILTON LODGE U. D. ..... Not represented.

*And proxy for Master or Warden,

†Not an officer, but representing lodge, or proxy for Master or Warden,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Alabama, Benjamin K. Rush (31)
Belgium, Leonard A. Rose (1)
Colorado, John Holmes (7)
Cuba, David S. Dodds (24)
Egypt, Leonard A Rose (1)
England, Albert B. Herrick (12)
Georgia, Louis B. Hanna (20)
Idaho, John Kennedy (29)
Kansas. John F. Selby (10)
Louisiana, Thomas L. Foulks (12)
Manitoba, Roswell W. Knowlton (1)
Michigan, Aurelius L. Wall (1)
Mississippi, George L. McGregor (6)
Missouri, George A. Luce (27)
Montana, David S. Dodds (24)
Nevada, Walter L. Williamson (25)
New Brunswick, William T. Perkins (5)
New Hampshire, James D. Trenholme (23)
New Jersey, Albert B. Herrick (12)
New Mexico, O. D. Comstock (46)
New York, Sylvester J. Hill (1)
New Zealand, David E. Morgan (21)
New South Wales, Albert B. Herrick (12)
Ohio, Draper A. Lindsey (1)
Peru, John F, Selby (10)
South Carolina, Francis Ingalls (6)

South Dakota. Frank J. Thompson (1)
Tennessee, James C. McKendry (1)
Vermont, George H. Phelps (1)
Victoria, William H. Best (3)
Wisconsin, Evarts C, Stevens (43)

Fraternally submitted,

ALFRED STEEL (6)
JOHN J. HULL (15)
EMERY S. BEARDSLEY (5)
Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

M.·. W.·. William T. Perkins (5) Grand Master, then read his Annual Address.

To the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., of North Dakota:

BRETHREN; Life is made up of hopes and disappointments. In June, 1896, when you conferred upon me the honor of the election as your Grand Master for the ensuing masonic year, I will freely confess that I was full of hopes. Looking at what had been done the preceding year under the watchful eye and masterful supervision of Grand Master Best, and taking that as an incentive, I had something toward which I could strive, not hoping to excel, but simply to approach as near as possible.

At that time I had in mind what many of our own and sister jurisdiction Grand Masters had "resolved" on; namely, official visitations, and, like them, while the resolution was adopted it was never enforced. I left Fargo at the close of that week of Masonic meetings with a firm resolution to visit each and every lodge in the state, impressed with the idea that such a personal visit on the part of your Grand Master could not but prove an incentive to work in the local lodges and of great good to the Order in general throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. It is needless for me to tell you that I was disappointed. You are each a witness to the fact that I did not visit your particular Lodge, and can exchange evidence one with the other.

Early in November, before the work of the year began, I was called by business interests of importance to Colorado, and since that date the official duties of my office have devolved upon the Deputy Grand Master, Robert M. Carothers, who cheerfully assumed the burden which I was thus unexpectedly compelled to transfer to his shoulders, which I did in an official communication, on November 17th, 1896, notifying him of my intended absence from the state and requesting him to assume the duties of

the office of Grand Master and for an account of the work of the year from that date to the present time I refer you to his report, which he will present for your consideration.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Before entering upon the details of my official acts which deal with the living, let us for a moment turn our attention to those of our brethren who have lain aside their early cerements and passed beyond the ken of material vision. While no Present or Past Grand Officer has received the dread summons, yet the all devouring scythe of time has been more than usually active among the brethren of our particular lodges.

Last year we were called upon to mourn the death of fifteen, this year twenty-three have passed from us. Our loss in this way is, in fact, the greatest we have ever sustained since the organization of our Grand Lodge. In 1890, there were nine deaths; '91, eleven deaths; '92, '93, '94, fifteen deaths each year and in '95, thirteen. I shall not attempt to mention the names of our brethren who have departed hence during the past year, as their names will appear on a suitable memorial page in our proceedings.

Our Sister Grand Jurisdictions have been called to mourn, not only the deaths of the members of Subordinate Lodges, but to mourn the departure of distinguished Masons who have been honored by the Craft of their respective Grand Lodges with the highest honors within the power of Masonry to bestow.

The following are the names of those whose deaths have been officially received by this Grand Lodge from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Edward B. Rowe, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, for 1876 and 1877, died in the City of Boston, June 1, 1896, at the age of 62 years. He was General Transfer Agent for the New York and New England Railroad.

Asa H. Battin, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio for three years, 1872, 73, 74, departed this life on June 3, 1896, at the age of 67 years, in the city of Steubenville, Ohio. During the late war he served as Captain of Company K., Third O. V. I., and was a lawyer by profession, and his death was sincerely regreted, both by the Craft in which he served as well as the Craft of the State of Ohio.

Webster D. Anthony, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1873-74, died in the City of Denver, Col., June 26th. 1896, at the age of 59 years. Brother Anthony also served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that state.

Dr. Joseph M. Anderson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, died in Lebanon, Tenn., July 14, 1896, in the 81st, year of his age. He was born in the town in which he died, and for nearly fifty years practiced medicine and was noted for his skill as a physician. It is said of him that "he was essentially the poor man's friend, prescribing for him, without the hope of fee or reward, and often furnishing from his own purse the necessities which were required."

Owen A. Bassett, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas for two terms, 1873-74, passed away July 19, 1896, at high twelve, without a moment's warning, in the 62nd. year of his age. Brother Bassett served as Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Regiment of Kansas Cavalry during the late war. For many years he served as the Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Masonic Code of Kansas is the ever enduring monument which he has builded to his own memory. He was the second Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of that State. In 1877 he was the Grand Commander Knights Templar of that State. Brother Bassett was distinguished for his knowledge of Masonic law, and his death is universally mourned throughout that state.

Alexander McGregor, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, departed hence from his home in the City of Detroit, Aug. 2, 1896, at the age of 66 years. He served as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge for 25 years. For more than thirty years he had been Tyler for the Masonic Bodies of Detroit, and at the time of his death, was also the Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and of the Grand Commandery, which office he had held for many years.

Frederick Kramer, Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died at Colorado Springs, Sept. 8, 1896, in the 67th, year of his age He became a resident of Little Rock, Ark., about 1858 and ever after made his home there, where he was many times honored by his fellow citizens with important offices, having been mayor of that City for eight years, and President of the School Board for twenty years.

Rufus Claghorn Hathway, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1887, died at his home in the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, December 9, 1896, at the age of 59 years. He had also been Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan.

Cicero H. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, 1866, of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, departed this life at his home in the City of Portland, Oregon, January 5th, 1897. In 1867 he was elected Grand Master of that Grand Juris-

diction, but declined to serve. In 1865 he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of that State.

Andrew M. Wolihin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, passed beyond, February 22, 1897, at his home in Macon, Georgia. He had served his Grand Lodge as its Grand Secretary since 1835, the Grand Chapter of that state as Grand Secretary since 1886, and the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council since 1887. In 1885 was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia.

Brother Wolihin, from his long connection with the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Georgia as Grand Secretary of each, was well known to Masons of this country, and his death is not only really a loss to the state, but to the Craft at large.

Joseph Norton Dolph, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, 1882, died March 10, 1897, at his home, at the age of 62 years. He was a lawyer by profession and became as eminent in the political affairs of the United States as he was in Masonic affairs in his state. He was elected United States Senator in 1892 and served his State two terms.

"A patriot's even course he steered,
'Mid faction's wildest storms unmoved;
By all who marked his course, revered;
By all who knew his heart, beloved."

John Headley Bell, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for five years, 1880-81-82-83-84, died March 16, 1897, at the age of 57 years. Brother Bell was one of the leading Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction, and was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in May, 1875, and was elected its Grand Secretary, which office he filled until 1879. At the time of his death he lived in Winnipeg and had lived there since May, 1875.

John Stedman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, 1878, died March 28, 1897, aged 61 years. He came to Helena in 1867 and was one of the old pioneers who helped build that state.

John William Morrison, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, 1890, departed this life in the city of Charlottetown, April 11, 1897, at the age of 77 years. He had lived on Prince Edward Island for nearly fifty years. He was one of the active workers in the organization of the Grand Lodge of that Grand Jurisdiction, and in his death one of the old landmarks has passed away.

Theodore Schreiner, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, died at his home in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, April 14, 1897, at the age of 86 years. Brother Schreiner was known throughout that Grand Jurisdiction as "Father Schreiner". Acts of kindness, thoughtfulness and charity to others were a part of his life.

Brother Schreiner held the office of Grand Tyler of that Grand Lodge from 1859 to the time of his death, nearly the entire masonic lifetime of most of the members of that body. In 1863 he became Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter. At the organization of the Grand Commandery of that State, in 1864, he was appointed Grand Sentinel and was also appointed Grand Tyler of the Order of Eastern Star in 1883, all of which offices he held until the time of his death.

At the session of the Grand Lodge held in Davenport in 1869, he presented the Grand Lodge with a set of beautiful gavels in ivory with ebony handles. Brother Rob Morris being present, read a poem which he had written upon the spur of the moment, in commemoration of the presentation, from which we extract the following:

"How many a year he's stood,
Old Schreiner, brave and good,
And guarded you while secret works went on.
How many a brother's dead,
Since first his honored head
Was seen amongst you in the early June.
Can you forget him? No;
His earthly form may go,
His kindly smile be hidden in the sod;
But when those gavels ring,
Fond memories they will bring
Of the old Tyler gone to rest with God."

Fernando Luiz Osorio, Grand Commander of the Grand Orient and Supreme Tribunal of Brazil, died November 26, 1896. Brother Osorio was one of the leading Masons in that new republic, and largely through his efforts Masonry became a potent factor in the powers of that Republic.

Abner Townsley Longley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, 1865, departed this life February 23, 1896, in the 75th year of his age. Since 1861 he had held the position of clerk of the Agricultural Department of the Government. His death should have been reported last year, but no notice of the same was received and we note his

demise from a mortuary circular issued by the Grand Chapter R.·.A.·.M.·. of that Grand Jurisdiction.

James Wrigley, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Texas, 1868, died May 16, 1896, in the 74th year of his age.

Last, but not least, is the death of Brother James C. Gill of Casselton Lodge No. 3, North Dakota, which occurred at Bismarck, N. D., January 30, 1897. Brother Gill was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. At the time of his death he was Chief clerk of the State Senate. Brother Gill held many prominent positions, both politically and masonically. In 1895 he was Speaker of the House of Representatives of this state. At the time of his death he was Preceptor of Fargo Preceptory Knights Kadosh of the Scottish Rite, Fargo.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued a number of dispensations, all of which came clearly within the prerogatives of the Grand Master's office.

Four dispensations were issued to lodges to hold the annual election of officers at a date subsequent to that provided in their By-Laws, owing to failure to hold election at the proper time.

Five dispensations were issued to confer degrees without waiting the required statutory time.

NEW LODGES.

On June 23d, 1896, I issued a dispensation to Willow Lodge, U. D., located at Willow City, Bottineau County, with Thomas E. Fox as Worshipful Master, W. S. Morden as Senior Warden and Albert Marshall as Junior Warden. This was in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge, the petition having been presented to Grand Master Best a few days prior to the last session of this body, and by him referred to the Grand Lodge for action. They are now asking the Grand Lodge for a charter and present for your consideration reports of an excellent year's work.

On September 19th I received a petition for the formation of a new Lodge at Milton, Cavalier County, to be known as Milton Lodge. The same was signed by sixteen Master Masons, and attached thereto were the proper dimits, or certificates of membership, of each. The charter asked for in this petition was recommended to be granted by Crystal Lodge No. 38, they being geographically the nearest Lodge, and at the same time they, by vote, waived the right of exemplification in favor of Lebanon Lodge No. 34, the latter being the most accessible Lodge to the town of Milton, and before them the work was exemplified by the officers of Milton Lodge, and

the certificate of Lebanon Lodge to that fact and a recommendation for a charter accompanied the petition. After some further investigation of the facts bearing on the case, on October 3rd I granted the dispensation for Milton Lodge U. D., with A. W. Coats as its first Worshipful Master, W. W. Kingsbury as Senior Warden and John McBride as Junior Warden. Some of the officers of this Lodge, I presume, are present in person, and from the report which they have rendered, and which will be presented to the proper committee, they appear to be in a position to be entitled to proper recognition from this Grand Lodge.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The Grand Lodge at its last session granted charters to Northern Light Lodge No. 45, located at Cooperstown, and Evergreen Lodge No. 46, located at Minnewaukan.

In accordance with your instructions, these were issued soon after the close of our last session. On June 23d I issued a commission appointing M. W., Bro. George L. McGregor, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, my special Deputy, for the purpose of constituting Evergreen Lodge No 46 and install its officers. His report is as follows:

FORT TOTTEN, N. D., August 15th, 1896.

W T. Perkins, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir and Bro. Agreeable to instructions and the authority contained in your communication of recent date, I visited Minnewaukan and duly constituted Evergreen Lodge No. 46 and installed the officers named in the charter, issued by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and sent me, to be delivered on said occasion, the constituting being done on July 1st.

I was received with fraternal welcome worthy of a representative of our Grand Lodge, and entertained in a manner befitting a prince. There was a large number of Brothers present from Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21, of Devils Lake, including Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, John A. Percival, who acted as Grand Marshal, and assisted in the ceremonies.

The officers are all bright, active Masons, and the Lodge starts out under very favorable circumstances, and from which you may expect an excellent report. Fraternally yours,

GEORGE L. MCGREGOR, P. G. M.

On July 29th, I issued a commission appointing Worshipful Bro. Theodore F. Branch, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, as my special Deputy to constitute Northern Light Lodge No. 45, and install its officers. He reports as follows:

JAMESTOWN, N. D., Sept. 26, 1896.

Wm. T. Perkins, Grand Master of Masons of N. D., Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir and Bro:—In compliance with your request, and under the authority of your Commission to me under date of July 29th, 1896, I repaired to the City of Cooperstown, N. D., August 26th, 1896, where I was received with a fraternal welcome by Bro. Wm. D. Marsh, the W. M., and the brethren of the lodge. On the evening of August 6th, 1896, I constituted Northern Light Lodge No. 45, and installed its officers in due and ancient form, and in accordance with the law of this Grand Jurisdiction. The officers installed were Wm. D. Marsh, W. M.; John E. Johnson, S. W.; David Bartlett, J. W.; E. C. Butler, Chaplain; Benjamin A. Upton, Treas.; Jackson N. Brown, Sec'y.; M. W. Buck, S. D.; George Stringer J. D.; Glenn W. Dyson, S. S.; John C. Flynn, J. S.; B. B. Brown, Tyler. Iver Udegard acted as Grand Marshal.

After the lodge was closed, refreshments were served, and we had a general good time.

This lodge starts out with a membership of about 30 who are all much interested in the work, and a bright and prosperous future is predicted for this young lodge.

Fraternally yours,

T. F. BRANCH,

J. G. D.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

October 21st, 1896 a Commission was issued to Bro. J. McNaught Campbell to represent this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

DECISIONS.

Many decisions have been answered by reference to our published proceedings, Constitution, By-Laws and Approved Decisions. The following, however, I submit for your consideration:

Question 1: Is a person eligible for the degrees who has lost his thumb between the first and second joints, but has good use of what is left, and can reach every knuckle on the back of one's hand?

Answer: Yes. One who has lost his thumb between the first and second joints, but can properly use the remaining portions, is suitable material.

Question 2: Can we receive an application from an officer in the United States Army, stationed at a local military post, he having been in the Grand Jurisdiction less than one year. He claims a legal residence wherever stationed.

GRAND MASTERS GRAND LODGE A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. NORTH DAKOTA.

GEORGE L. MCGREGOR, 1894-95. WILLIAM H. BEST, 1895-96. ALBERT B. HERRICK, 1892-93.
FRANK J. THOMPSON, 1890-91. JOHN F. SELBY, 1891-92. WILLIAM T. PERKINS, 1896-97. ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, 1897-98.

Answer: No. He must have resided in this Grand Jurisdiction one year, and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks to apply before his application can be received. He does not lose his legal residence in the place whence he came, and would have the right to return hence to vote He can, however, choose his temporary station as a place of residence, but must gain full rights by the lapse of the statutory time.

Question 3: If a candidate allows a year or more to intervene between taking of degrees, is it necessary to take another ballot before he can advance?

Answer: Yes. Sec. 27, Grand Lodge By-Laws. This answer may be modified by stating that if it is the fault of the Lodge that the degree was not conferred, and not of the candidate, then another ballot is not necessary.

Question 4: A man has lived in the town of "A" some five or six years. He removes to the town of "B" in the same county, and within four months applies to the Lodge at "B" for admission. The Lodge at "B" asks the Lodge at "A" to waive jurisdiction, he having never applied to the Lodge at "A." Have they any jurisdiction to waive?

Answer: No. Neither can the lodge at "B" receive his petition until he has been a resident in the jurisdiction of that Lodge for six months. By his permanent removal from the Lodge located at "A," they lose jurisdiction over him, and the Lodge at "B" does not gain jurisdiction over him until he has lived within its jurisdiction six months.

Question 5: When voting to waive jurisdiction, should the vote be in the usual manner or by ballot? And does a majority vote rule, or does one ballot reject?

Answer: Voting to waive jurisdiction should be by secret ballot. Because voting to waive jurisdiction practically means that each brother is giving up the candidate to become a member of another Lodge. There may be someone who knows of reasons which would prevent the candidate from becoming a Mason, and for reasons of his own does not desire to make his objections public, and by a secret ballot may be able to vote according to the dictates of his conscience. Another reason why it should be by a secret ballot is that upon all votes by which a Lodge gains members each individual has the inalienable right to cast a secret ballot for or against the candidate, and were the waiver of jurisdiction over the candidate to be made otherwise than secret, it would be practically taking away this right from the brethren present.

COMPILATION OF BY-LAWS—DECISIONS.

The Deputy Grand Master will report the appointment of the committee to draft proper amendments to the By-Laws and Masonic Code as instructed by you last year, and this committee will make a report to you and this work will be one of the most important matters for your consideration at this session.

The Grand Secretary has compiled the approved decisions from the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota to the present time, as well as the By-Laws as amended, and all Resolutions now in force, all of which has taken a great deal of labor, and I would recommend that the usual allowance for the Report on Foreign Correspondence be paid our Grand Secretary as a slight recompense for what I consider the great labor done in this very important work.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

The work of the year in this Grand Jurisdiction has not been up to expectation. While the business depression has been felt no more in North Dakota than in other parts of the country, I find by reference to the records of the Weather Bureau that nature seems to have entered into the conspiracy, and is, perhaps, largely accountable for the general inclination of our people throughout the State to stay at their home firesides during the past winter.

I am unable to give you exact statistics as to the work of the year, many corrected reports from Subordinate Lodges not having been returned to the Grand Secretary's office in time to allow a compilation. But while the work of the year shows no material increase in membership, we have more than held our own. The old indebtedness has been paid, and we start upon the present year, the first time in our history, with all debts paid and a surplus in the treasurv. For a detailed statement of our financial condition, you are referred to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, which will be presented for your consideration.

That peace and harmony has prevailed during the past year throughout this Grand Jurisdiction is the glad news I am pleased to convey to rejoicing hearts, and with our sister jurisdictions we are at peace and sustain the most cordial, fraternal relations.

CONCLUSION.

One year ago tomorrow I thanked you for the high honor conferred on me, and I can but reiterate those expressions of appreciation after the lapse

of my year of portal service—the one bright spot in life will be the memory of it and the friendship, very dear to me, formed while connected in various sources of love in behalf of the advancement of the Order in North Dakota.

With expressions of good will and friendship, I remain,

Fraternally,

WM. T. PERKINS,

Grand Master.

ADDRESS OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Robert M. Carothers *(4)*, Deputy Grand Master, then read his address.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota.

I herewith submit report of my actions as Acting Grand Master. Early in November, 1896, I received an official communication from Grand Master Perkins announcing that business interests called him from the state.

During his absence fourteen dispensations were granted, seven to elect officers, three for public installations, one permitting a lodge to appear as Masons at divine service, and two for conferring the degrees in less than four weeks. Two dispensations to confer degrees in less than that time, were refused.

The dispensations granted were as follows:

To elect officers:

Temple No. 30.
Minnewaukan No. 21.
Golden Fleece, No. 31.
Hamilton No. 35.
Dickinson No. 32.

To fill vacancy:

Death of W. M., North Star No. 16.

For public installation.

Crescent No. 11.
Lebanon No. 34.
Anchor No. 25.

To appear as Masons at Divine service:

Hope No. 29.

To confer degrees in less than four weeks time:

M M.—Evergreen No. 46.

F. C.—Euclid No. 24.

Refused:

Shiloh No. 1.

Hiram No. 20.

The following appointments have been made:

Grand Representatives near Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

Greece:—Bro. W. H. Spence (4), December 7th, 1896.

Virginia:—Bro. John Nelson (16), April 20th, 1897.

New Mexico:—Bro. O. D. Comstock (46), April 20th, 1897.

COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION.

At the recommendation of our Grand Secretary, a committee was appointed for the purpose of reviewing the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, never officially adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and to report their action to this Grand Lodge. The committee consisted of Bro. William H. Best, P. G. M., Draper A. Lindsey, Grand Lecturer, and George H. Keyes, Grand Senior Warden.

DECISIONS.

A number of questions have been submitted for decisions, many of which were answered by our Constitution and By-Laws and Approved Decisions. I submit for your consideration some of the most important questions asked, with the answers made thereto.

Question 1: How long must a brother wait, after being rejected, for advancement before he can be balloted for again?

Answer: See Approved Decisions, under Candidate, sub-heading Advancement, Grand Master Blatt, 1887, which is as follows;

"A petition for advancement, if rejected, may be renewed at any Stated Communication; *provided*, that four weeks shall have elapsed since such rejection."

Question 2: "A", who applies for degrees, has a deformed left arm; has what resembles a closed hand on the end of the arm, half way from elbow to wrist; has an artificial wrist and hand. Can we elect him?

Answer: No. See Approved Decisions, under Candidates, sub-heading Physical Qualifications, Grand Master McGregor, 1895, which is as follows:

"That degree (of lameness) which prevents a candidate from communicating, receiving or performing all of the requirements of the several obligations, and lectures, or of passing through the various ceremonies,

unaided by artificial means." (My answer should apply to all physical defects.

Question 3: Does one suspended N. P. D. have to pay all dues up to time of reinstatement? Does not he have to furnish some recommendation, as he has been living outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge for a long time?

Answer: See Section 1, Chapter VI, Masonic Code, which is as follows: No other provisions are necessary.

"Status of Suspended Mason.—When a Mason is suspended for any cause whatever, he is, for the time of his suspension, debarred from all the rights and privileges of the Order, and no dues shall be collected from him during the time of his suspension."

Question 4: "A" belongs to Lodge at "L," but lives at "E" and desires to join there. The By-Laws at "L" require dues to be paid yearly in advance at last Communication in December. "A" asks "L" for dimit April 1, 1897, but is told he must pay dues to December 31, 1897. If he joins at "E" he will be liable for dues from time of joining. Must he pay the whole year's dues at "L"?

Answer: Yes. The provisions of "L's" By-Laws are constitutional. "A" was advised to pay for 1897 and request "L" to rebate three quarters dues.

CONCLUSION.

The Grand Master's address, having covered the points of importance to be considered by the Grand Lodge, I do not deem it necessary to make any recommendations, save that in the instances of some Lodges the emblems in the seal of the Lodge are not displayed on the Master Mason degree, but on one or the other of the previous degrees. It would seem best, and more in keeping with the rules of the Order, to have these seals replaced by those indicating the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS,

Deputy Grand Master.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Charles A. Harris (11), was read by the Grand Secretary.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.&A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

I herewith submit my annual report as Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge.

		Dr.	Cr.
1896.			
June 10,	To cash from Grand Treasurer	$2,771.40	
1897.			
Jan. 28,	To cash from Grand Secretary	80.00	
Mar. 25,	" " " " "	20.00	

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1896.			
June 10,	By Order No. 1 New Series		$ 417.12
Aug. 5,	" " " 1 Old Series		80.46
Aug. 5,	" " " 2 " "		140.00
Aug. 5,	" " " 3 " "		100.00
Aug. 5,	" " " 4 " "		225 00
Sept. 15,	" " " 2 New Series		10.00
Sept. 15,	" " " 3 " "		5.52
Oct. 7,	" " " 4 " "		125.00
Oct. 28,	" " " 5 " "		100.00
Dec. 4,	" " " 6 " "		6.00
Dec. 23,	" " " 7 " "		300.00
Dec. 23,	" " " 8 " "		125.00
Dec. 29,	" " " 9 " "		33.00
1897.			
Feb. 8,	" " " 10 " "		225.00
May 25,	" " " 11 " "		300.00
Apr. 14,	" " " 12 " "		125.00
May 7,	" " " 13 " "		100.00
Jan. 4,	" " " 14 " "		4.65
Jan. 4,	" " " 15 " "		114.00
Jan. 4,	" " " 16 " "		125.00
Draft to F. J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, to balance account			210.20
		$2,871.40	$2,871.40

Fraternally Submitted,

CHARLES A. HARRIS,

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson (1), then submitted his report:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of last Annual Communication were completed and mailed to the various bodies entitled to the same within thirty days after the close of annual session.

RETURNS.

With the exception of one Lodge, all the returns were in my office by May 15th. For some reason, unknown to myself, there were more errors in this year's returns than in any year before. Why such is the case, I do not know, except it be that there were more new secretaries elected at the last Lodge meetings for elections than in the history of our Grand Lodge. Very many of them were Masons who had been raised during the same year. In order to get errors rectified, my letter book shows that fully one hundred letters have been written to that end. At the date of writing this report (June 2d) there yet remain a few Lodges whose annual reports have not been returned corrected, and two Lodges have not remitted dues and fees, thus making it impossible to make up a financial statement, or to give details in regard to work done during the past year.

LIBRARY.

Owing to the fact that my time has been so largely taken up in preparing our Grand Lodge Register of members, and in preparing the constitution, by-laws, resolutions and approved decisions of our Grand Lodge, I have not found time to give as much attention to the library as I hope to in the future.

The library has been considerably increased with the accessions of masonic reports of the various Grand Masonic Bodies throughout the world, and by some rare and valuable miscellaneous works on Masonry and collateral masonic subjects.

I had thought to catalogue the books of our library, but the stumbling block upon which I ran was the method or system which would be preferable for our collection of books. There are several systems of cataloguing used by the various public libraries, and the knowledge required properly to catalogue a library is such that all large libraries when first starting, at least, find it necessary to employ a professional cataloguer. The cataloguing of books is now a profession, requiring not only a liberal education but a course upon this subject of a considerable length of time. I have not, as yet, determined what would be the best system to use. Were it the ordin-

ary public library, I would have arrived at a conclusion before now, but the class and number of books which we possess inclines me to believe that the system used in the ordinary public library is not exactly suitable. I hope to have our books catalogued by the time of our next Annual Communication.

This year I have asked for only one-half of the per capita library tax; for the reason that it was not required, and I knew that the lodges were more or less affected by the general depression in business affairs.

On June first I received a very large invoice of books, as a donation to our Grand Lodge library, from Honorable Brother H. C. Hansbrough. I have not had time to catalogue them, and I doubt whether with the books now on hand we can find shelf room for them at the present time. A vote of thanks is surely due our brother for his remembrance of our library.

More and more I am impressed with the necessity of having a building especially devoted to our library. It is too valuable to be left in any place except a fire-proof building. Its present location is as safe from fire as any place not especially built as a fire-proof building, and even fire-proof buildings are not always fire-proof

I do not wish it to be understood that I have not all books catalogued, because they are, and in such a manner that it can be easily ascertained what books we have, whether it be Grand Lodge reports or miscellaneous. What I mean to convey is that in this cataloguing there is no system followed which would make, in my opinion, a satisfactory public catalogue.

NEW LODGES.

Two Dispensations have been issued for the formation of new Lodges; one at Willow City, to be called Willow Lodge, and one at Milton, to be called Milton Lodge.

I have had some correspondence with brethren at Enderlin for the formation of a new Lodge at that place, but the correspondence has not yet consummated in the asking for a Dispensation, Also correspondence to form a Lodge at Kindred. Both of these places, it seems to me, are so situated that they do not add much to the Lodges which hold jurisdiction over them, yet if a Lodge was located in their midst there appears to be good reasons to believe that they would grow and prosper. There are other towns in our State, which, by virtue of their location and distance from other Lodges, no doubt could maintain prosperous Lodges. I do not believe in urging the formation of new Lodges, but there are occasions when a timely

suggestion from some one in authority to the brethren of favorable localities would result in an addition to our list of Lodges.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There are two matters under this head to be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. I have sent the papers to Bro. Walter L. Williamson, chairman of that committee, that he might have ample time to digest their merits and demerits.

GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS, APPROVED DECISIONS, ETC.

Agreeably to the resolution passed at our last Grand Communication, I have compiled our Constitution, By-Laws, Resolutions and Approved Decisions. No doubt when good Bro. Sercombe offered his resolution having me do this work, he thought it was simply a little job which could be done in a day or two. I knew to some extent the labor to be involved in such a compilation, but did not fully realize the extent of the task until I attempted it.

Upon a close scrutiny, I found that the Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota had never been adopted by our Grand Lodge. We adopted the Constitution, practically the By-Laws, and all of the Approved Decisions of the Territorial Grand Lodge only. Bro. T. J. Wilder, in his compilation of the Approved Decisions, incorporated among them, not only the resolutions of our Grand Lodge, that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the Territory. No one questioned but the latter was not a part of our law, and, consequently, they have been governing factors in Masonic affairs of this jurisdiction. In consultation with several of our Grand Lodge members relative to this subject, I deemed it advisable not to have the compilation printed until after this Grand Communication. I corresponded with our Acting Grand Master, R. M. Carothers, and he appointed a Committee, consisting of Past Grand Master William H. Best, Grand Lecturer Draper A. Lindsey and Grand Senior Warden George H. Keyes, to look over the resolutions of the Territorial Grand Lodge and to report to this Grand Lodge their recommendation as to what Territorial Grand Lodge Resolutions we should adopt, and which duty they have performed and will make their report in due course of business.

After finishing the compilation, the time before Grand Lodge was so short that it was deemed advisable to let the printing of the same lie over until action had been taken by the members of the Grand Lodge, so that when the compilation was printed it would contain only those laws which govern us, and would also contain all of the laws which govern us at the time of printing, which will also include the approved decisions of the

been printed this year, with the total number of their membership up to 1896, also the amount of unfinished work in each lodge:

Lodge	No Members	Unfinished Work
Shiloh No. 1	—	41
Casselton No. 3	138	16
Crescent No. 11	124	1
Ellendale No. 13	75	6
Wahpeton No. 15	104	12
North Star No. 16	80	1
Mackey No. 18	67	10
Goose River No. 19	52	6
Hiram No. 20	35	3
Minnewaukan No. 21	120	17
Tongue River No. 22	64	1
Anchor No. 25	45	1
Golden Valley No. 26	91	1
Occidental No. 27	94	6
Forest River No. 28	60	1
Hope No. 29	58	3
Temple No. 30	63	2
Golden Fleece No. 31	48	2
Star in the West No. 33	72	5
Lebanon No. 34	85	5
St. Johns No. 36	32	–
Fairmount No. 37	27	6
Crystal No. 38	27	1
Mizpah No. 39	41	1
Cando No. 40	37	6
Maple River No. 41	24	–

These are the numbers of members which have been sent to this office by the various secretaries. I find that now and then a lodge sends in a name of some member whom it had forgotten either to place upon its own register or to include in the register returns.

I have not started to number the Grand Lodge members, because of the possibility of error in some of the lodges' register returns. An error of one member would throw out of joint all subsequent members, and, hence, I deemed it wiser to wait until all returns were completed and had been properly verified.

The register returns of all lodges are now in my office, except Dickinson No. 32 and Reynolds No. 42. The latter lodge I compiled from the records in my office, so far as the names and initiations were concerned, but the personal history not being given, and history for those who came in by affiliation, I sent it to the secretary of that lodge on January 13th, 1897, but have heard nothing from it since.

I sent a letter to the secretary of Hillsboro Lodge No. 10 on March 19th, 1896, asking for information in order to complete their register returns, which they sent in, but have heard nothing from them.

On January 8th, 1897, I sent a similar letter of inquiry to Hamilton Lodge No. 35 and have as yet received no reply. I have also written to the Masters of these lodges asking why the inquiries had not been answered, and have also written the secretaries subsequently, to all of which I I have received no reply.

My letter book shows that I have written more than 450 letters during the year in regard to these register returns, many of them taking several days in order to compile the information which was lacking.

I do not expect the register to be finished the next year; for the reason that the information which will be necessary to obtain will come from slow sources, besides there will be the numbering for the Grand Lodge members and for subordinate Lodge members. It may be so that I shall be able to prepare a number of duplicates for the older of the particular lodges, as I find that they are so complete that I can start the numbering. To all of the cards, I have the work in all of the lodges for 1896 and 1897 to add.

Unless I am instructed to the contrary, I shall charge five cents a name to each lodge for furnishing, printing, transcribing, numbering and comparing of the cards. This will about cover actual cost.

I have prepared an index for subordinate Lodges which I believe will meet all demands so far as an index of members is concerned in connection with the card system.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The work in the office of the Grand Secretary has not decreased, but rather increased during the past year. I find that the office now occupied by me as Grand Secretary is too small to permit the system and order in the disposal of documents and papers which I should like. I find that in order to have a system in the keeping of our records, and that they may be found readily, that space is quite essential.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1896.

To cash received from Grand Treasurer per orders 1 to 4, old, and 1 to 16 new series	$2,661.20	
To Charter Fees, Northern Light and Evergreen	60.00	
To Dispensation Fees, Willow and Milton	40.00	
Fees and dues Chartered Lodges, 1896-7	2,610.00	
Cash from Grand Treasurer, unexpended balance	210.20	$5,581.40
Cash holding for Charter to Willow and Milton		60.00
		$5,641 40

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By cash paid out Orders 1 to 4 old series	$ 545 46	
By cash paid out Orders 1 to 16 new series	2,115 47	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Charter fees	60.00	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Dispensation fees	40.00	
June 9, '97, By cash to Grand Treasurer	732.00	
June 12, '97, By cash to Grand Treasurer	2,148.20	
Cash on hand, unexpended balance	.27	
		$5,641.40

LIBRARY FUNDS.

From balance 1896	$ 15.90	
From per capita 1896, 5 per cent	130.05	$ 145.95
Expended for books, express, etc	$ 105 19	
Balance on hand	40.76	$ 145.95

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.·.W.·.Frank J. Thompson then submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence made no review of the transactions of sister Grand Lodges for reasons set forth in my report as Grand Secretary.

Agreeably to the action of this Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, leaving it to the discretion of the Grand Master to exchange Representatives with the Grand Orients of Italy and Greece, would state

that there being no reason to prevent such exchange our Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, appointed Bro. Nicholas Philon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Greece, our Grand Representative near the Grand Orient of Greece, and William H. Spence, of Acacia Lodge No. 4, was appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Greece near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

In reference to the exchange of Representatives with the Grand Orient of Italy, nothing has yet been consummated in that regard, and I have nothing to report in relation to your action relative to the Scandinavian Masonic Grand Bodies.

Fraternally Submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON,

Committee Foreign Correspondence.

GREETING TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Bro. W. L. Williamson (25), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada near this Grand Lodge, presented the greetings of that Grand Lodge in his usual felicitous manner.

The M. W. Grand Master then ordered the Grand Marshal to assemble the several Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges about the altar and he proceeded to receive them with well clothed sentiments.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference of reports of Grand Officers made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Grand Officers' reports submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the Address of the Grand Master as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

2. That so much thereof as refers to Lodges U. D., and the issuing of Dispensations for the formation of the same, be referred to a committee on Lodges U. D.

3. That so much thereof as refers to the constituting of Lodges U. D., to which Charters had been issued, being in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge at its last session, be and the same is hereby approved.

4. That so much thereof as refers to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

5. That so much thereof as refers to the Grand Lecturer be referred to a Special Committee.

6. That so much thereof as refers to extra compensation to the Grand Secretary for compiling By-Laws and Decisions of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

7. That so much of the report of the Deputy Grand Master as relates to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

8. That so much thereof as relates to Dispensations to elect officers, and other matters, being clearly within his prerogatives as Acting Grand Master, in the opinion of your Committee does not need to be referred.

9. That so much thereof as refers to recommendation relative to Seals of Subordinate Lodges, under "Conclusion", be referred to a Special Committee.

GRAND TREASURER.

10. That the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

11. That so much thereof as relates to Grand Lodge Register be referred to a special committee.

12. That so much thereof as refers to financial statements be referred to the Committee on Finance.

13. That so much thereof as refers to Returns of Chartered Lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID E. MORGAN (21),
JOHN GRANDY, (23),
J. L. GREEN, (39),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Finance—Standing committee.

Jurisprudence—Standing committee.

Grievances and Appeals—Standing committee.

Obituary—David S. Dodds (24), O. H. Phillips (16), Ed. Church (28), Fred. J. Farrow (22), George H. Soule (43).

Chartered Lodges—Frank H. Sprague (11), Herman O. Sterl (7), Benjamin K Rush (31), William G. Ballack (36).

Lodges U. D.—George Martin (40), George P. Harvey (17), Wallace W. Heffron (9), Eben Q. Carver (20). Dennis L. Warriner (25).

Grand Lecturer—Edwin H. James (30), Byron N. Stone (18), William R. McIntosh (44), Louis A. Jacobson (27). Theodore F. Branch (6).

Special on Seals—David M. Holmes (4), Martin L. Rude (10), Charles F. Revell (14), John Grandy (23), John Riessbeck (32).

Register—James F. Blacklock (35), Halley V. Hicks (29). Frank Reed (5), John F. Cowan (21), Nels P. Nelson (37).

Mileage—Walter J. Larshbough (1), Jack. N. Brown (45), William S. Stinson (38), David A. Carnagan (6), Thomas Harrison (10).

PAYMENT TO JOHN W. CARROLL.

The committee on bill of John W. Carroll against the Grand Lodge presented their report, which, on motion of David S. Dodds *(24)*, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee to whom, at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, was referred the communication from Bro John W. Carroll for investigation, and with full power to act, beg leave to report as follows:

After careful investigation of the facts in the case, the claim of Bro. Carroll against the Grand Lodge for funds advanced to defunct Chancellor Walworth Lodge, of Steele, N. D., amounting to $33 was allowed and the Grand Secretary instructed to draw a warrant in payment of same.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. PERKINS (5),
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1)
WILLIAM H. BEST (3).
Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at this hour, five o'clock p. m., until 8 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock p. m.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The committee on Lodges U. D. made the following report, which, on motion of M.·.W.·.Bro. George L. McGregor (6), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota.

Your committee on Lodges U. D. to whom was referred the petitions of Willow Lodge U. D, of Willow City, N. D., and Milton Lodge U. D., of Milton, N. D., report as follows:

That we have carefully examined the transcript of proceedings of the foregoing Lodges and find them in conformity to the Grand Lodge regulations; that said Lodges appear to be in a healthy condition, and, from the showing made, believe that they are properly equipped and have plenty of good material in their localities to draw from. We respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to each.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE MARTIN (40),
GEORGE P. HARVEY (17),
WALLACE W. HEFFRON (9),
EBEN Q. CARVER (20),
DENNIS L. WARRINER (25),
Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON SEALS FOR PARTICULAR LODGES.

The Committee, on recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master relative to Seals, made the following report. Bro. Edwin H. James (30) moved that it be adopted.

Bro. Evarts C. Stevens (43) moved as amendment thereto, that the report be not concurred in, which amendment was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the R.·.W.·. Deputy Grand Master's report relative to Seals, report as follows:

While we do not consider the design of the seal to be of any particular

importance, yet we believe that the adoption of a uniform seal to be used by all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction would be advisable. We would recommend that such action be taken by this Grand Lodge as will secure the adoption and use of such seal.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID M. HOLMES (4),
MARTIN L. RUDE (10),
CHARLES F. REVELL (14),
JOHN GRANDY (23),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32),
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER'S VISITATIONS.

The Committee, on recommendation of Grand Master relative to Visitations by Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which on motion of M.·.W.·.Bro. John F. Selby (10), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.··M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer, to whom was referred recommendations of the Grand Master, report as follows:

That a compulsory school of instruction of one day's session of each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year be ordered by this Grand Body, and that the actual traveling expenses of the Grand Lecturer be paid by this Grand Lodge, and a fee of $5 be paid by each Lodge so visited.

That the dates of visits be fixed by the Grand Lecturer as early as possible, and the particular Lodges duly notified in the name of the Grand Lodge through the Grand Secretary's office.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
BYRON N. STONE (18),
WILLIAM R. MCINTOSH (44),
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
THEO. F. BRANCH (6),
Committee.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following re-

port on that part of the M. W. Grand Master's Address relating to decisions, which were taken up *ad seriatim*.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W., Grand Master's Address relating to decisions, report as follows:

1st. It appearing satisfactorily to the committee that the defective thumb is on the right hand of the applicant, and believing that by reason of such defect he cannot properly give the tokens, we recommend that the decision be not approved, and further recommend that the rule established under the decision of Past Grand Master McGregor, 1894-5 be strictly adhered to.

2nd. That decision No. 2, be approved.

3rd. That all of decision No. 3, after the word by-laws, in the first line therein, be not approved.

4th. That decisions Nos. 4, 5 and 6 be approved.

DECISIONS BY DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1st. That decision No. 1 be approved.

2nd. That decisions No. 2, 3 and 4 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10)
WILLIAM H. BEST (3)
GEORGE L. MCGREGOR (6)
ALBERT B. HERRICK (12),
Committee.

DECISION NO. 1.

Bro. Asa T. Patterson (5) moved:

That the report of the committee on Decision No. 1 be not approved, and that the decision of the Grand Master be approved.

Lost.

Bro. Evarts C. Stevens (43) moved:

That the report of the committee on Decision No. 1 be adopted.

Carried.

DECISION NO 2.

Bro. Walter J. Larshbough (1) moved:

That paragraph 2 of Committee's report upon Decision No. 2 be adopted.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 3.

Bro. David M. Holmes (4) moved:

That the report of the committee upon Decision No. 3 be not adopted, and that the decision of the Grand Master be approved.

Carried.

DECISION No. 4.

Bro. Walter L. Williamson (25) moved.

That the 4th paragraph of the Committee's report relating to Decision No. 4 be adopted.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 5.

Bro. John Riessbeck (32) moved:

That the 4th paragraph of the Committee's report relative to Decision No 5 be approved.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 6.

Bro. George A. Luce (27) moved:

That the report of the Committee relative to Decision No. 6 be approved.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 1—DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. James T. Blacklock (35) moved:

That the report of the Committee relating to decision No. 1 of the Deputy Grand Master be adopted.

Carried:

DECISION NO. 2.

Bro. Thomas L. Foulks (12) moved.

That the report of the Committee on Decision No. 2 of Deputy Grand Master be adopted.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 3.

Bro. Edwin H. James (30) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Decision No. 3 of the Deputy Grand Master be adopted.

Carried.

DECISION NO. 4.

Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Decision No. 4 of the Deputy Grand Master be adopted.

Carried.

ADOPTED AS A WHOLE AND AS AMENDED.

Bro. John F. Selby (10) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as a whole and as amended be adopted.

Carried.

REPORT—OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

The committee on that part of the Grand Master's Address, relating to Fraternal Dead, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. John F. Selby (10), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota.

Your committee on Obituary, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Address relating to Fraternal Dead, have carefully considered the same, and, while recommending its adoption, we would call the attention of our Brethren to the fact that many of our eminent Craftsmen of the several Grand Jurisdictions are passing away, brothers who have labored long and zealously in promulgating the teachings and precepts of our Institution of which we are so justly proud. Having been called to their reward it becomes necessary for their surviving brethren to arouse themselves, and to labor assiduously toward acquiring the ability to take up and perpetuate the work thus far so nobly performed.

As we are of one common brotherhood and their loss being our loss, we extend to every friend and loved one left behind our fraternal sympathy.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of a large number of beloved brothers of our own Jurisdiction who have been summoned to the Celestial Lodge above. Their work has been accomplished and their memory we revere. To their many sorrowing and bereaved relatives and friends, we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that He, who doeth all things well, will bind up their broken hearts and comfort them in their affliction.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID S. DODDS (24)
ED. CHURCH (28)
FRED J. FARROW (22)
OSCAR H. PHILLIPS (16)
GEO. H. SOULE (43)
Committee.

TIME SET FOR ELECTION.

Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Carried.

The Grand Lodge was then called at this hour, 9:30 p. m., from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:30 o'clock p. m.

A telegram was read from John A. Percival, R. W., Junior Grand Warden, stating that it would be impossible for him to be present at this session of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. David S. Dodds (24) moved:

That Bro. Percival, R. W., Junior Grand Warden, and Chas. A. Harris, R. W., Grand Treasurer, be excused from attending this session of Grand Lodge.

Carried.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The committee on Chartered Lodges made the following

report, which, on motion of Bro. David S. Dodds (24), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Chartered Lodges report as follows:

From the report of Reynolds Lodge No. 42, we find that there is a balance of three dollars for dues to the Grand Lodge.

With this exception we find the reports of the various Lodges correct.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11)
HERMAN O. STERL (7)
BENJAMIN K. RUSH (31)
W. G. BALLACK (36)
Committee.

REPORT-COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

The committee on Grand Lodge Membership Register made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. James T. Blacklock (35), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota.

Your committee on Grand Lodge Membership Register, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report relative to the Grand Lodge Membership Register, report as follows:

That we have very carefully examined the same and recommend the adoption of all the Grand Secretary has done relating thereto, and that for each Membership card duly transcribed, with data relating to the person for whom it is made, he shall be authorized to charge and collect from the Lodge to which it is furnished, the sum of five cents.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35)
HALLEY V. HICKS (29)
FRANK REED (5)
JOHN F. COWAN (21)
NELS P. NELSON (37)
Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the Grand Master appointed tellers and ordered that the election

of officers for the ensuing year proceed, which was accordingly done, with the following results:

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4)	M.·.W.·.Grand Master	Grand Forks
GEORGE H. KEYES (13)	R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master	Ellendale
JOHN A. PERCIVAL (21)	R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden	Devils Lake
EDWIN H. JAMES (30)	R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden	St. Thomas
EVARTS C. STEVENS (43)	R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer	Towner
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1)	R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary	Fargo

EXEMPLIFICATION OF WORK.

Bro. D L. Warriner (25) moved:

That the work on the 3rd degree be exemplified at this session.

Carried.

REPORT—GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted.

Cando Lodge No. 40

vs.

George J. Hankey.

We have carefully examined the transcript of the trial in this case and find them incomplete in that some of the exhibits in the case are not duly authenticated under the seal of the Lodge, and also that the evidence adduced is not sufficient to support the charge, and the findings of the trial are, therefore, in error, yet from inquiries made by your Committee, and from reliable sources of information, we are advised that the charges made in the case are true, and the Brother charged with the crime has pleaded guilty before the Courts of the State, and being fully convinced that one guilty, or presumed to be guilty, should not be permitted to wear the title of Mason. We therefore do recommend that the matter be referred back to Cando Lodge No. 40 with instructions that they immediately re-try the case under the Masonic Code of this Grand Lodge.

Ellendale Lodge No. 13

vs.

John D. Woods, Jr.

In this appeal, which is very voluminous, we have carefully examined the transcript, and have had brought before the committee knowledge as to the case, which we consider reliable and trustworthy, and while we

find some technicalities as to the mode and procedure of the preferring of the charge and trial, we hold it as the intent and purpose of Masonic Trials to adduce the truth from the evidence presented and not to except technicalities and information when they do not prejudice the rights of either party. In the light of these facts we do recommend that the charges be sustained and the penalty of the lodge be affirmed.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (25),

CLINTON D. LORD (26),

Committee.

At this hour, 11·30 o'clock a. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 1:45 o'clock p. m.

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO MILEAGE.

Bro. Walter J. Larshbough *(1)*, Chairman of the Committee on Mileage, asked instruction of the Grand Lodge as to the amount of mileage to be paid to the delegates in attendance.

On motion of Bro. Walter L. Williamson [25], the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION.

The Special Committee appointed by the Deputy Grand Master during the interim of Grand Lodge Communication for the purpose of looking over the compilation made by the Grand Secretary, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. E. George Guthrie [3], was adopted, except as to that part which recommended the amendment to the By-Laws, and that that part be referred to a Special Committee on By-Laws, which motion was adopted, and that part referring to amendments received for consideration, and referred to such Special Committee.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, who was appointed by the Deputy Grand Master to look over the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota, respectfully report:

That we have performed that duty, meeting with the Grand Secretary at his office prior to this Grand Communication.

We find that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, so far as the records in the printed proceedings of our Grand Lodge are concerned. do not show that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota were ever adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

That Brother Thos. J. Wilder, Past Grand Secretary. in his compilation in 1891 of the resolutions and Approved Decisions, incorporated the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota into said compilation, and that such resolutions have never been adopted as a part of the rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge.

That after carefully reading the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Dakota, and inasmuch as they have been thus far considered as governing factors of our own Grand Lodge we would recommend that all of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, as incorporated in the standing resolutions, compiled by our Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, be adopted, except the resolution adopted in 1877 providing that in the absence of any expressed provision in the constitution or by-laws the principles laid down by Brother Mackey shall be considered as authority to guide the Masters of Subordinate Lodges in this Jurisdiction in forming their decisions, and found in our present Grand Secretary's compilation in manuscript, under the head of Jurisprudence.

Our reason for recommending that said resolution be not adopted is that the most important of Mackey's principles have been so largely modified or ignored by our Grand Lodge, that the adoption of the resolution would lead to confusion. At the time said resolution was adopted, the conditions which surrounded Masonry in the Territory were much different than the present, and at that time it was, undoubtedly, a wise provision. The expediency for this provision has passed, not only by reason of the large number of approved decisions of our Grand Masters upon various matters affecting Lodges and Masons, but the decisions of the Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions are now published in form accessible to those who desire light upon Masonic Jurisprudence.

We have also carefully gone over the Appendix of Forms in the Grand Secretary's manuscript compilation and approve of all which he has incorporated therein, except as follows: In the present printed compilation the Form of Citation is given, and numbered Six. In 1892 another Form of Citation was adopted, under the name of "Lodge Summons", but we find no action taken by the Grand Lodge to abrogate Form No. 6. Your committee would recommend that Form No. 6 be omitted from our present compilation, not that its form is irregular, but that a better one may be had. We would recommend that the one adopted in 1892, with the addition after "specification" of the words: *Preferred against you at a stated meeting of said Lodge held on the.....day of 18....., and* erasing the present words "against you" and adding after the word "annexed", in the last line of said Summons, the following words: *and herewith served upon you.* This form we believe will meet all requirements and be held legal in any court of law, should it be our unfortunate lot ever to have Masonic matters taken into the courts of our State.

There are several new forms which our Grand Secretary has added, namely: "Proxy to Grand Lodge", "Petition for Restoration after Expulsion or Suspension", "Waiver of Jurisdiction over E. A. or F. C." "Request of another Lodge to Confer Degrees," all of which are good guides to direct our Secretaries in matters coming under the various headings.

We also find that there is what may appear to be a conflict between the Masonic Code and the By-laws as to the Restoration of a Brother suspended for non payment of dues The Grand Lodge By-laws, Sec. 46, provides: "That all applications for Restoration to membership by a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues must be presented at a stated meeting preceding the one at which action is taken." Chapter 6, Sec. 1 last paragraph of Masonic Code reads as follows: "The suspended Brother shall petition the Lodge for his restoration, and the same proceedings as in the case of a Brother applying for admission shall be required, but this rule does not apply for suspension of non-payment of dues."

Believing that a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues should not be placed in the same class as one suspended for some serious Masonic crime, we recommend that Sec. 46 of our by-laws be amended as follows: After the words membership, immediately before the words "all applications" insert the following: *All applications for restoration to membership by a Brother for non-payment of dues may be acted upon at the stated meeting at which application for restoration is made.*

We have carefully looked over the headings and side headings and cross references of our Grand Secretary's compilation, and heartily approve of the same.

The system of cross reference wh ch he has adopted will greatly facilitate the searcher in finding what he desires, if it be among the decisions. In fact the reference is of such a nature that almost every phase of the subject matter is noted and reference given to where it may be found.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. BEST (3)
D. A. LINDSEY (1)
GEO. H. KEYES (13)
Committee.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

Bro. David M. Holmes (4) offered an amendment to the By Laws changing the date of the Communication of this Grand Lodge, which, on motion of Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was received for consideration and referred to a Special Committee on By-Laws.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BY LAWS.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Brothers as such Special Committee on By-Laws:

M.·.W.·.George L. McGregor (6), David M. Holmes (4) and John T. Blacklock (35).

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the amount to be paid to delegates for mileage, made the following report, which, on motion was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the question of rate of mileage, respectfully recommend that the rate be fixed at ten cents per mile, one way, for the present year, for the following reasons:

That the Grand Lodge has on hand at present	$2,769.69
Appropriations other than Mileage	1,770.00
Leaving a balance of	999.69

The mileage for the present year, at the rate of 10 per cent., will be $747.70, as at present estimated, leaving a balance unappropriated of $251.99.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11).
GRANT S. HAGER (30).
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3).
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that it has carefully examined the books, papers and vouchers in the offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them to agree.

We, as a Committee, approve the system of accounting used by the Grand Treasurer and by the Grand Secretary for the past year.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received from all sources as follows:

From Grand Treasurer Orders 1 to 4 old and 1 to 16 new series		$2,661.20	
From Charter fees		60.00	
From Dispensation fees		40.00	
From Fees and Dues Chartered Lodges 1896-7		2,610.00	
From unpaid mileage Mackey No. 18 (not represented)		6.24	
From Grand Treasurer, unexpended balance		210.20	$5,587.64
Paid out by Grand Secretary Orders 1 to 4 old series		$ 545.46	
Paid out by Grand Secretary Orders 1 to 16 new series		2,115.47	
Charter fees paid to Grand Treasurer		60.00	
Dispensation fees to Grand Treasurer		40.00	
Unpaid mileage in hands Grand Treasurer 95-6		6.24	
In hands of Grand Secretary dues and fees	$2,610.00		
Balance received from Grand Treasurer	210.20	2,820.20	
Balance in hands of Grand Secretary from appropriations		.27	$5.587.64
In hands of Grand Secretary to be paid Grand Treasurer dues and fees		$2,820.20	
In hands of Grand Secretary Charter for Milton and Willow		60.00	
June 9, by cash to Grand Treasurer			732.00
June 12, by cash to Grand Treasurer			2,148.20
		$2,880.20	$2,880.20

We also find that Bro. Frank J. Thompson as Librarian has received from all sources:

From 1896 balance	$ 15.90	
From all other sources	130.05	$ 145.95
Paid out	$ 105.19	
Balance on hand	40. 76	

We would respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the following sums to meet the expenses of the same for the ensuing year:

Mileage	$747.70
Grand Master's expenses	100.00
Grand Secretary's salary	500.00
Grand Librarian's salary	100.00
Compiling Digest	100.00
Printing Proceedings	150.00
Printing By-laws and Digest	120.00
Contingent expenses	450.00
Registry System	250.00

Also that the Grand Secretary be authorized by and with the consent of the M.·.W.·.Grand Master to purchase, when needed, a cabinet for the Register System at a cost not to exceed $175.00.

We find the following Lodges have not reported within the statutory time:

Pembina (2) and Reynolds (42).

We recommend the enforcement of the regulation fine of $5 against these delinquent Lodges.

We recommend a per capita tax of ten cents for the next five years for the maintenance of the Library be charged upon the membership of this Grand Lodge, and payable to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15th each year; that in the future the insurance premiums of the policies covering the Grand Lodge Library be charged to the Library fund and paid therefrom. The amount that the per capita tax recommended would produce, on the basis of 1896 membership, would be $250.20.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1)
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11)
JAMES D. VAIL (31)
GRANT S. HAGER (30)
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3)
Committee.

REPORT—MILEAGE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Thomas Harrison (10), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due representatives, report as follows:

That mileage is due members as appears below.

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $723.90, to be paid by him to the proper representatives, as hereinafter designated:

No.	Lodge	Location	Miles	Mileage	Bro. Receipting
1	Shiloh	Fargo		$	
2	Pembina	Pembina	162		
3	Casselton	Casselton	20		
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	7 80	D. M. Holmes
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	19 50	E. S. Beardsley
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	9 30	D. A. Carnagan
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	5 80	H. O. Sterl
8	Mandan	Mandan	207		
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	4 20	W. W. Heffron
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	3 90	M. L. Rude
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	11 70	F. H. Sprague
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56		
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140		
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	7 00	C. F. Revell
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	4 60	J. J. Hull
16	North Star	Larimore	104		
17	Minto	Minto	107	10 70	G. P. Harvey
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88	8 80	B. N. Stone
19	Goose River	Portland	68		
20	Hiram	Page	53	5 30	E Q. Carver
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	16 50	D. E Morgan
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	14 90	F. J. Farrow
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	14 90	J. Grandy
24	Euclid	Lakota	144		
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	8 80	D. L. Warriner
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	14 00	G E. Towle
27	Occidental	Hope	66	6 60	L. A. Jacobson
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	12 30	E. Church
29	Hope	Oakes	98	9 80	H. V. Hicks
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	13 10	Geo. H. Garnett
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	11 20	B. K. Rush
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	30 90	J. Riessbeck
33	Star in the West	Minot	282	28 20	C. Aurland
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	17 90	F. J. Hodgin
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	14 20	J. T. Blacklock
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	11 00	J. B. Sprague
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	6 10	N. P. Nelson
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	13 60	W. S. Stinson
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	4 20	J. L. Green
40	Cando	Cando	199	19 90	G. Martin
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	11 00	A. Brodtkorb
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57		
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	24 90	G. H. Soule
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	26 00	Wm. R. McIntosh
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	10 60	J. N. Brown
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	19 30	O. D. Comstock
U D	Willow	Willow City	242	24 00	T. E. Fox
U D	Milton	Milton	164		
				$482 50	

GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name	Location	Miles	Mileage	Receipting
William T. Perkins, G M	Bismarck	195	$19 50	W. T. Perkins
R. M. Carothers, D.G.M.	Grand Forks	78	7 80	R. M. Carothers
Geo. H. Keyes, G.S.W	Ellendale	140	14 00	G. H. Keyes
John Trenaman, G.Chap	Casselton	20	2 00	J. Trenaman
Edwin H. James, G.S.D.	St Thomas	131	13 10	E. H. James
Theo. F. Branch, G.J.D.	Jamestown	93	9 30	T F. Branch
Thos. L Foulks, G.J.S	Lisbon	56	5 60	T. L. Foulks
Geo A. Fridd, G.Mar	Valley City	58	5 80	Geo. A. Fridd
John Schuler, G.S.B	Hillsboro	39	3 90	J. Schuler
Louis B. Hanna, G.P	Page	53	5 30	By Check
James Johnson, G.T	Minot	282	28 20	J. Johnson
John F. Selby, P.G M	Hillsboro	39	3 90	J F. Selby
Albert B. Herrick, P.G M	Lisbon	56	5 60	A. B. Herrick
Geo. L. McGregor, P.G.M.	Fort Totten	185	18 50	G. L. McGregor
William James, P G.S.W	Bathgate	149	14 90	W. James
Geo. A. Luce, P.G Treas	Hope	66	6 60	Geo A. Luce
Don R. Davidson, P.G.Treas	Wahpeton	46	4 60	D. R. Davidson
David S. Dodds, P.G.Sec	Lakota	144	14 40	D. S. Dodds
W L. Stockwell, Fin.Com.	Grafton	117	11 70	W. L. Stockwell
Grant Hager, Fin.Com	St. Thomas	131	13 10	Grant Hager
E. Geo. Guthrie, Fin. Com.	Casselton	20	2 00	E. Geo. Guthrie
W. L Williamson, Griev. & App.	Lisbon	56	5 60	W.L Williamson
Clinton D. Lord, Griev. & App	Park River	140	14 00	C. D. Lord
			$229 40	

Total amount of mileage paid, $711.90.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER J. LARSHBOUGH (1),
JACK N. BROWN (45)
WILLIAM S. STINSON (38)
DAVID A. CARNAGAN (6)
THOMAS HARRISON (10)
Committee.

REPORT GRAND LECTURER.

The Grand Lecturer made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Grand Lecturer has to report that at the last Communication of this Body no appropriation or allowance was made to defray the expenses

of your Grand Lecturer, and for that reason no official visits have been made.

Your Grand Lecturer respectfully recommends that some action be taken by this body towards requiring the Lecture of the Third Degree to take equal dignity with the lectures of the two preceding degrees.

Fraternally,

D. A. LINDSEY,
Grand Lecturer.

Fargo, N. D., June 9th, 1897.

Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That the carrying out of the recommendations of the Grand Lecturer, relative to the learning of the lecture of the third degree, be referred to a Special Committee to report back at this meeting.

Carried.

COMMITTEE.

The Grand Master appointed as such Committee:

Grant S. Hager *(30)*, Draper A. Lindsey *(1)* and Alfred Steel *(6)*.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER 1896.

Report thereon by Jurisprudence committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendations of Grand Master William H. Best *(3)* 1896, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. John F. Selby *(10)*, was referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

The undersigned, Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendations made by M.·.W.·.Past Grand Master in his address to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication held June 9th and 10th, A. D., 1896, and to submit to the Grand Lodge at this communication amendments to the By-Laws to conform to such recommendations respectfully report and submit the following:

1st. Amend Section 17 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws by adding thereto the following clause:

In case such nearest Lodge should refuse to act upon the petition or to allow the Master elect of such proposed new Lodge to appear in its open Lodge and exemplify the work in Masonry as required by this section, then such petition and dimits may be presented to the Grand Master, and if he finds, upon investigation, that the refusal of such Lodge to act in the premises is without good cause, he may in his discretion proceed to examine such petition and dimits and to hear the exemplification of the work by the Master of the proposed Lodge, and if satisfactory and conformable to the Grand Lodge By-Laws to grant and issue a dispensation for the formation of such new Lodge in the usual form; or he may refer such petition to the next nearest Lodge, and in case of such reference said Lodge shall proceed in the same manner as provided for the nearest Lodge.

2nd. Add a new section to the By-Laws as Sec. 53.

Any resident of this state residing nearer a constituted Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Minnesota may petition, and, if elected, be received in such nearest Lodge, the applicant having the necessary qualifications as to residence and otherwise as required by the By-laws, precedents and rules established in the State of Minnesota.

Provided, that this section shall not be in force or of any effect whatever, unless our sister jurisdiction of said State of Minnesota shall adopt a comity By-Law reciprocating in allowing residents of its jurisdiction residing near said state line to join Lodges in this jurisdiction to which they reside nearer than those in the Minnesota jurisdiction, under proper regulations.

3rd. Amend Section 1, Chapter 2 of the Masonic Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 2.

Section 1. Every Lodge has jurisdiction over its own members and the right to discipline all Masons for offenses committed within its jurisdiction while residents thereof. In case of member resident of this jurisdiction the Lodge of which he is a member shall have exclusive jurisdiction, and it shall be the duty of the Lodge where the member resides at the time of the commission of any Masonic offense to present and file charges in the Lodge of which the offender is a member and to aid in the prosecution of such charges, either by evidence taken in the form of depositions or orally,

in the usual form upon which the Lodge having jurisdiction proceeds to trial.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
GEO. L. MCGREGOR (6)
ALBERT B. HERRICK (12)
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1)
Committee on Jurisprudence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, AND RESTORATION FROM SUSPENSION N. P. D.

The Special Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Louis A. Jacobson (27), was adopted by three-fourth vote:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the proposition to amend the By-Laws, report as follows:

That the time for holding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be changed from the second Tuesday in June to the third Tuesday thereof, and that Section 1 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended by striking out the word "second" in line two of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "third."

We further recommend that Section 46 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended as follows:

After the word "membership" and immediately before the words "All applications" insert the following:

All applications for restoration to membership by a brother for non-payment of dues may be acted upon at the stated meeting at which application for restoration is made.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE L. MCGREGOR (6),
DAVID M. HOLMES (4),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
Committee.

REPORT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Lecture Master Mason's Degree.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of carrying out the recommendations of the Grand Lecturer relative to learning the lecture of the Third Degree, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. John F. Selby (10), was referred to the Special Committee on By-Laws.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of the lecture of the Master Mason's Degree report as follows:

Respectfully recommend the following amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws.

That Section 27 of sub-division entitled "Particular Lodges" of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be amended by adding thereto, at the close thereof, the following:

Provided: That every candidate who has been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason shall be required within sixty days thereafter, unless further time be granted by dispensation of the Grand Master, to pass an examination in the lecture thereof, in open Lodge, satisfactory to the Worshipful Master and members, before he shall be entitled to any of the rights and benefits of the Master Mason's degree. Further, that every subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction is required within six months of the closing of this communication to adopt this By-law or some other carrying into effect its provisions.

Fraternally submitted,

DRAPER A. LINDSEY (1)
GRANT S. HAGER (30)
ALFRED STEEL (6)
Committee.

MILEAGE GRANTED TO WILLOW LODGE U. D:

Bro. Walter J. Larshbough *(1)*, Chairman Committee on Mileage, moved:

That mileage be granted to Bro. Thomas E. Fox, delegate from Willow Lodge U. D.

Carried:

that the interlocutor would begin at one end of the hall and ask the questions of the several lectures to each one in turn, who was to answer, and the Grand Lecturer to correct any mistakes in the questions or answers. A considerable number of members had at this time very urgent business and desired to be excused, while others doubting that the Grand Master would grant permission, silently stole away. There were, however, a large number of brave Craftsmen who remained to pass through the ordeal. The Grand Master expressed his gratification after the ordeal was over, at the proficiency of those present.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master announced that he would proceed to the installation of officers. He accordingly appointed Draper A. Lindsey (1) as Grand Marshal and the following officers were installed.

ELECTED.

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS [4], M.·.W.·.Grand Master, Grand Forks.
GEORGE H. KEYES [13], R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master, Ellendale.
†JOHN A. PERCIVAL [21], R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden, Devils Lake.
EDWIN H. JAMES [30], R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden, St. Thomas.
EVARTS C. STEVENS [43], R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer, Towner.
FRANK J. THOMPSON [1], R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary, Fargo.

APPOINTED.

John Trenaman (1), W.·.Grand Chaplain, address Casselton.
Theodore F. Branch (6), W.·.Senior Grand Deacon, Jamestown
Thomas L. Foulks (12), W.·.Junior Grand Deacon, Lisbon.
George A. Fridd (7), W.·.Senior Grand Steward, Valley City.
Louis B. Hanna (20), W.·.Junior Grand Steward, Page.
Emery S. Beardsley (5), W. Grand Marshal, Bismarck.
John Schuler (10), W.·.Grand Sword Bearer, Hillsboro.
Louis A. Jacobson (27), W.·.Grand Pursuivant, Hope.
Draper A. Lindsey (1), W.·.Grand Lecturer, Fargo,
*Thomas Kleinogel (1), W.·.Deputy Grand Secretary, Fargo.
James Johnson (33), W.·.Grand Tyler, Minot.
*Appointed by R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary

†Bro. Percival was installed by the Grand Master, in person, at Devils Lake, N. D., July 2nd, 1897.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Jurisprudence—M.·W.·Albert B. Herrick (12), M.·W.·Frank J. Thompson (1), M.·W.·William T. Perkins (5), M.·W.·John F. Selby (10), M.·W.·George L. McGregor (6), M.·W.·William H. Best (3).

Grievances and Appeals—W.·Walter L. Williamson (25), W.·Clinton D. Lord (26), W.·James T. Blacklock (35), W.·E. George Guthrie (3), W.·John Riessbeck (32).

Finance—W.·Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·Walter L. Stockwell (11), W.·Grant S. Hager (30), W.·David M. Holmes (4), W.·Robert Morrison (2).

Foreign Correspondence—M.·W.·Frank J. Thompson (1).

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Bro. George L. McGregor (9), offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

That this Grand Lodge in Grand Annual Communication assembled do hereby extend its sincere thanks to the members of Shiloh Lodge No. 1 of Fargo, and to the officers of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroads for the generous reduction in fare, thus permitting a larger number of members of this Grand Lodge to be present with us, than would have been our pleasure had no reduction been made, and also to Ringling Bros. Circus for courtesies extended to the Grand Lodge Wednesday evening.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert M. Carothers, closed the Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota, in ample form, at 5 o'clock p. m., Peace and Harmony prevailing.

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary

Reinstated, Suspended and Dimitted, 1897.

REINSTATED:

SHILOH LODGE NO. 1.

Ole J. Olson, D. W. Knight, Lewis W. Schruth.

BISMARCK LODGE NO. 5.

George Peoples.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

L. L. Jessup.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.

JAMESTOWN LODGE NO. 6.

James McKenzie, Archie C. McMillan. Edward G. Bowman, Zeph Varnum.

MANDAN LODGE NO. 8.

Charles E. Roby, G. H. Luke, William Simpson, Caleb Polk, Herbert Roberts, J. H. Slater, Charles Howard.

CEREAL LODGE NO. 9.

Eugene K. Wilcox, William E. Hawes, Joseph P. Browning.

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 11.

Harry Gahan.

SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE NO. 12.

W. E. Worden.

ELLENDALE LODGE NO. 13.

Theo. N. Larson, Charles Ackley, William Helferty, Frank Jarebek.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 24.

Emil C. J. M. Carlson.

MAPLE RIVER LODGE NO. 41.

Amous F. Pierce.

SUSPENDED U. C.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

George J. Hankey.

DIMITTED.

SHILOH LODGE NO. 1.

Jacob Lowell, Louis Champine, Stephen L. Bean, Emmet B. Chambers, D. W. Knight, Edward V. Quinby Francis B. Nash.

PEMBINA LODGE NO. 2.

T. S. Thompson, J. O. Halicius, Alem Dowker, Frank Rose

CASSELTON LODGE NO. 3.

Albert W. Coats, John A. Gilman, Isaac Wood, W. A. Freemire.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 4.

Thos. C. Canniff, Joseph A. Fisher, Wm. J. Glass, George B. Keenan.

BISMARCK LODGE NO. 5.

Albert J. Robinson, William Badger.

JAMESTOWN LODGE NO. 6.

James N. Brigham, James W. Cloes, Chas. V. Van Dusen, Horace N. Shaw.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

L. L. Jessup, S. E. Taylor.

MANDAN LODGE NO. 8.

Peter Cressinger, A. R. Granberry, Richard Rail.

CEREAL LODGE NO. 9.

John Trenaman.

HILLSBORO LODGE NO. 10.

Frank A. Briggs.

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 11.

W. G. Trotman, George Walton.

SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE NO. 12.

James W. Barry, Eugene A. Hulett, John P. Nelson.

ELLENDALE LODGE NO. 13.

Charles A. Kent.

SANBORN LODGE NO. 14.

Miles A. Churchill, Paul T. Whitemore, Frank J. Sanford, Alfred D. Maris.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

George H. Woods, Deck Hoppough.

MINTO LODGE NO. 17.

Robert J. Young, Robert H. Walker, Albert D. Young, Jay E. Wilcox.

GOOSE RIVER LODGE NO. 19.

Martin Sanstebo, Ashley Thompson.

MINNEWAUKAN LODGE NO. 21.

R. R. Howard, Edward L. Richmond.

TONGUE RIVER LODGE NO. 22.

Henry J. Goff.

BATHGATE LODGE NO. 23.

Adam Christie.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 24.

Richard W. Walker.

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 26.

B. Prom, J. B. Widdes, F. D. Worthing.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 27.

L. J. Stone.

FOREST RIVER LODGE NO. 28.

James H. Rowe.

HOPE LODGE NO. 29.

John W. Lucas, Mont. Starkweather.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 30.

Henry P. Cooper, Alexander Baptie.

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE NO. 31.

Hiram L. Cook.

DICKINSON LODGE NO. 32.

Orlando S. Goff.

STAR IN THE WEST LODGE NO. 33.

W. E. Rawlings, William Hope, Charles G. Fairbanks.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 34.

William H. Bidlake, George Deibel, W. Kingsbury, Geo. Underwood, Henry H. McLean, Joseph Paulson, George Weir, John McBride, John Flack, John Trotter, W. A. Boutwell.

HAMILTON LODGE NO. 35.

Benjamin L. Lewis.

CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 38.

William H. McCulloch.

MOUSE RIVER LODGE NO. 43.

Thomas E. Fox, Stein S. Paulson, Chas. O. Romanson, John M. Lazier, Robert LeFlegel, James L. Robinson, Elmer S. Fiske, Edward M. Inman.

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 44.

William S. Morden, Frank M. Hammond, Duncan Stewart, Donald A. Crites, James B. Sinclair, James D. Eaton.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES APRIL 30, 1897.

Number	NAME.	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D	Expelled	Increase	Decrease	Membership	Dues and Fees Paid
1	Shiloh	8	5	5	4	3	3	7			12	10	236	$ 204.25
2	Pembina	1	1	1	2		2	4			3	6	70	55.50
3	Casselton	8	10	13	3		1	4			16	5	112	119.00
4	Acacia	10	7	10	6		2	4			16	6	125	128.50
5	Bismarck	2	3	2	2	1		2			5	2	55	50.25
6	Jamestown	8	7	6	2		1	4	4		8	9	105	105.50
7	Valley City	1	3	4	3	1		2			8	2	81	68.50
8	Mandan	1	1	1	1		4	3	7		2	14	45	36.25
9	Cereal	4	2					1	3			4	30	32.50
10	Hillsboro	5	8	13	3			1			16	1	91	90.50
11	Crescent	2	2	1	2		1	2	1		3	4	88	69.50
12	Sheyenne Valley	2	2	2			1	3	1		2	5	74	61.50
13	Ellendale	2	4	7	1			1	4		8	5	50	45.75
14	Sanborn	1						4				4	41	32.75
15	Wahpeton	2	2	2	4						6		58	49.50
16	North Star	8	5	5	4		1	2	1		9	4	59	60.75
17	Minto	4	2	1				4			1	4	39	36.25
18	Mackey	5	5	4							4		46	48.50
19	Goose River	1	1	3	1		1	2			4	3	36	32.00
20	Hiram	7	6	5	1						6		29	35.75
21	Minnewaukan	3	5	8	3		2	2			11	4	90	86.50
22	Tongue River	5	5	5	2			1			7	2	52	51.50
23	Bathgate	1	2	4				1			4	1	88	73.00
24	Euclid	1	1	2	1			1	1		3	2	37	32.75
25	Anchor	1	1	1							1		23	20.25
26	Golden Valley	6	10	13	5			3			18	3	77	81.25
27	Occidental	2	1	2				1			2	1	64	52.25
28	Forest River	1	1	4	3			1			7	1	53	42.75
29	Hope	6	4	3	3		1	2			6	3	40	43.00
30	Temple	3	6	5	1			2			6	2	53	56.75
31	Golden Fleece		2	3			1	1			3	2	42	34.00
32	Dickinson	8	8	6	2			1			8	1	83	86.25
33	Star in the West	5	2	1	1			3			2	3	44	40.25
34	Lebanon	7	7	10	1			11			11	11	78	81.75
35	Hamilton	4	4	4				1			4	1	35	38.25
36	St. John	3	2	2	3						5		35	33.75
37	Fairmount	2	5	4							4		27	28.25
38	Crystal		1	2				1			2	1	30	23.50
39	Mizpah	5	4	3							3		38	41.50
40	Cando	1	1	4	1		1				5	1	35	30.75
41	Maple River	3	3	3	1				1		4	1	22	24.00
42	Reynolds	3	3	3	1						4		21	24.75
43	Mouse River	1	1		2			8			2	8	34	27.00
44	Tuscan	1	1	1				6			1	6	17	16.75
45	Northern Light	4	6	6	1		1				7	1	34	42.00
46	Evergreen	17	16	13	4						17		33	81.25
47	Willow	10	9	9	3						12		24	38.00
48	Milton	5	5	5	2						7		23	15.00
	Totals	180	192	211	79	5	23	96	23	0	295	143	2702	$2610.00

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

Compiled From the Returns of May 1, 1897, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses of Worshipful Masters and Secretaries.

No.	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
1	Shiloh	Draper A. Lindsey	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2nd Friday in each month
2	Pembina	Robert Morrison	Whitfield Douglas	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Friday in each month
3	Casselton	S. B. Bartlett	H. John Rowe	Casselton	Cass	2d and 4th Friday in each month
4	Acacia	D. M. Holmes	Chas. Allen	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Friday in each month
5	Bismarck	Emery S. Beardsley	John W. Dudley	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3d Monday in each month
6	Jamestown	David A. Carnagan	Theo. F. Branch	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month
7	Valley City	H. O. Sterl	M. G. Cushing	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday in each month
8	Mandan	Edward W. Read	G. L. Heegaard	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3d Tuesday in each month
9	Cereal	W. W. Heffron	H. W. Higgins	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month
10	Hillsboro	Benj. Cameron	William Barclay	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
11	Crescent	William Treumann	Alex Stensby	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month
12	Sheyenne Valley	Edmund Russell	Chas. W. McBride	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
13	Ellendale	Geo. H. Keyes	E. M. Bentley	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
14	Sanborn	Chas. F. Revell	C. Otto Langer	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3d Monday in each month
15	Wahpeton	J. J. Hull	W. Brown	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Friday in each month
16	North Star	William Clone	V. S. Wisner	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month
17	Minto	John Miller	Peter McQuat	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3d Friday in each month
18	Mackey	Samuel Brand	W. J. Robinson	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3d Tuesday in each month
19	Goose River	George A. White	H. H. McNair	Portland	Traill	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
20	Hiram	L. B. Hanna	H. S. Crothers	Page	Cass	1st and 3d Friday in each month
21	Minnewaukan	Frank H. Prosser	Abram Astleford	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
22	Tongue River	F. J. Farrow	S. W. Minthorn	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
23	Bathgate	E. T. Gorton	Chas. L. Merrick	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesday in each month
24	Euclid	Thos. E. Morgan	H. B. Terwilliger	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Tuesday in each month

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT—Continued.

No.	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETINGS.
25	Anchor	Roland Tisdel	F. W Vail	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturday in each month
26	Golden Valley	W. Thos. Fallis	John D. Campbell	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesday in each month
27	Occidental	Louis A. Jacobson	Chas. S. Moores	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Friday in each month
28	Forest River	Edwin Church	Albert Sorg	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
29	Hope	Halley V. Hicks	William Mott	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3d Friday in each month
30	Temple	Geo. H, Garnett	Orrin M. Corwin	St. Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesday in each month
31	Golden Fleece	F. G. Bartlett	E. W. Bowen	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month
32	Dickinson	John Leask	Horace F. Hatch	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Friday in each month
33	Star in the West	John M. Wilson	S. A. Danford	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
34	Lebanon	William F. Winter	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2d and 4th Friday in each month
35	Hamilton	Adam Winlaw	W. F. Grill	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3d Wedne-day in each month
36	St. Johns	W. J. Brennan	R. B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesday in each month
37	Fairmount	Nels P. Nelson	U. A. Griffin	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3d Wedne-day in each month
38	Crystal	William S. Stinson	H. S. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3d Friday in each month
39	Mizpah	Jas. L. Green	Geo. H. Carr	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
40	Cando	Geo. Martin	Geo. Elsberry	Cando	Towner	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
41	Maple River	Angus Brodtkorb	John B. Kesler	Edgeley	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesday in each month
42	Reynolds	John Sercombe	C. E. Clure	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Wednesday in each month
43	Mouse River	Geo. H. Soule	A. N. Eidsness	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3d Saturday in each month
44	Tuscan	William R. McIntosh	N. Meighen	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Friday in each month
45	Northern Light	William D. Marsh	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3d Friday in each month
46	Evergreen	O. D. Comstock	Jas. Michels	Minnewaukan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesday in each month
47	Willow	Thos. E. Fox	C. E. Lawrence	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3d Thursday in each month
48	Milton	A. W. Coats	Jos. Paulson	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3d Wednesday in each month

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES WITH NAME AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Alabama	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tuscon
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Victoria
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	Ed C. Parmalee	Denver
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Deleware	Benjamin F. Bartram	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington
Florida	Wilber P Webster.	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Idaho	C. C. Stevenson	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5N Howard S
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
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Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville
Texas	John Watson	Houston
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga

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Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh
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United G. D. L. Vic'ia	T. H. Lempriere	Melbourne

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GRAND LODGE	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tuscon
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway
British Columbia	James Abrams	Manaimo
Belgium		
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
Canada	John S Denar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. DeLong	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana
Deleware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	William A. Gatley	Washington
Egypt	Leon D. Leoncompoulos	Cairo
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City
Georgia	B. B. Patterson	Baxley
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Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester
*Iowa		
Ireland		
Kansas	David V. Hoag	Minneapolis
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans
Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn
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Minnesota	Henry B. Wells	Preston
Mississippi	J. S Carothers	West Point
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hildreth	Manchester
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
New York	Oscar L. Eastman	Rondout
North Carolina	A. P. Hyman	Tarboro
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshall	Bridgetown
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Henry E. Vaughan	Sydney
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland
*Pennsylvania		
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Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrioch	Hull
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
South Carolina	J. F. C. DuPre	Fort Hill
South Dakota	William Blatt	Yankton
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide
Scotland		
Tennessee	Ike T. Jobe	Johnson City
Texas	J. B. Moore	Cameron
Utah	Abram D. Gash	Provo City
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St Johnsbury
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland
Victoria	William Pie	Melbourne
Washington	Jacob H. Bellinger	Colfax
West Virginia	Michael Ensheiner	Wheeling
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett	Eau Claire.
*Wyoming		

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF N. D.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
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Arizona	William H. Topping	Grand Forks
Arkansas	Warren S. Willson	Sanborn
British Columbia	Victor S Stickney	Dickinson
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
California		
Canada	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City
Connecticut	Albert W. Hoyt	Mandan
Cuba	David S. Dodds	Lakota
Deleware	T. C. Ransom	Grafton
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
England	Albert B. Herrick	Lisbon
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Page
Greece	Wm. H. Spence	Grand Forks

**Does not exchange Representatives.*

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes
Illinois		
Indiana	Ira W. Fisher	Casselton
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
*Iowa		
Ireland		
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Lisbon
Maine	Franklin Estabrook	Inkster
Manitoba	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fort Totten
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope
Montana	David S. Dodds	Lakota
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon
New Brunswick	William T. Perkins	Bismarck
New Hampshire	James D. Trenholme	Bathgate
New Jersey	A. B. Herrick	Lisbon
New Mexico		
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck
New Zealand	David E. Morgan	Devils Lake
New South Wales	Albert B. Herrick	Lisbon
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	Draper A. Lindsey	Fargo
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
South Australia	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Scotland		
Tennessee	James C. McKendry	Fargo
Texas	John T. Butler	LaMoure
Utah	Charles S. Stranahan	Park River
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia		
Victoria	William H. Best	Fargo
Washington	Fred D. Aplin	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert LaDue	Lisbon
Washington	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
*Wyoming		

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LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS A PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Year.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. Dewitt	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robt. C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robt. C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	do
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell†	Oscar S. Gifford	do
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Ingallist	Thomas J. Wilder§†	George W. Kingsbury	Merritt H. Day	do
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West†§	John Davidson*†	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder§	do
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	do
1884	John F. Schrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler†	William B. Cameron	do
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Charles E. Boyden	do
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitfield	Geo. W. Snow	do
1887	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitfield	James W. Cloes†§	Edward G. Benke	do
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V Ayers	James W. Cloes§†	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	do
1889	James W. Cloes (7)	Frank J Thompson(1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick(12)	Chas. E. Jackson (2)	David S. Dodds (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson(1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick(12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	William A. Bentley(5)	Thomas J. Wilder(3)§
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick(12)	Wm. H. Gannon(13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs (8)	do
1892	Albert B. Herrick(12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James (23)	Frank J. Thompson(1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James (23)	George A. Luce (27)	do
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	Wm. James (23)	Wm. H. Best (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	do
1895	William H. Best (3)	Wm. T. Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers(4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don. R. Davidson(15)	do
1896	William T. Perkins(5)	Robt. M Carothers(4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	do
1897	Robt. M. Carothers(4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens(43)	do

*Deceased §Left the Jurisdiction. †With North Dakota.

IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE OF OUR
Sister Jurisdictions
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IN MEMORY

OF THE

Twenty-three Members of Lodges of North Dakota

Who Died during the Masonic Year ending April 30, 1897.

NAME.	DATE.	NAME & NO. OF LODGE
Alexander Gamble.....	May 19, 1896	Shiloh No. 1
Alfred D. Thomas	Aug. 8, "	"
Adam Rupert	March 5, 1897	" "
John Geary	June 2, 1896	Pembina No. 2
Jacob Graber.....	Feb'y. 25, 1897	" "
James C. Gill.....	Jan'y. 30, "	Casselton No. 3
J. Geo. E. Robertson	Aug. 7, 1896	Acacia No. 4
William M. Stephens.....	Aug. 30, "	" "
Joseph C. Warnock	Sept. 6, "	Jamestown No. 6
S. G. Beecham	July 13, "	Mandan No. 8
Fred Leonberger	July 14, "	" "
Theodore Plassman.....	Sept. 12, "	" "
Isaac Cummins.....	Sept. 28, "	" "
Jacob Reinhardt.....	Jan'y. 30, 1897	Crescent No. 11
John R. Buttz.....	July 13, 1896	Sheyenne Valley No. 12
Edward R. Morey	March 15, 1897	North Star No. 16
Engel E. Soldal.....	Aug. 10, 1896	Goose River No. 19
*Henry Keister.....		Minnewaukan No. 21
*William N. Moore		" "
Charles S. Nichols.....	April 11, 1897	Hope No. 29
M. J. Waller.....	Sept. 16, 1896	Golden Fleece No. 31
Charles E. Hunter.....	Oct. 10, "	Cando No. 40
Charles H. Moseley	Nov. 17, "	Northern Light No 45

*Dates of death unknown.

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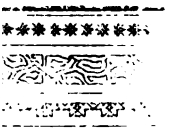

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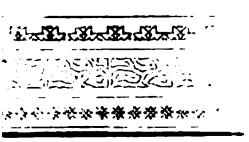

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.&A.·.M.·.North Dakota

NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

Fargo, N. D., beginning Tuesday, June 21st, A.·. L.·. 5898

FIRST DAY.

The Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota was opened in the hall of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continued in said city until Wednesday, being the 21st and 22nd days of June, A. D. 1898, A.·. L.·. 5898, commencing at High Twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Robert M. Carothers (4).....M.·.W.·.Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master
John A. Percival (21).....R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden
Edwin H. James (30).....R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary
John Trenaman (1).....W.·.Grand Chaplain
Theodore F. Branch (6).....W.·.Grand Senior Deacon
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....W.·.Grand Junior Deacon
Thomas Harrison (10).....as W.·.Grand Senior Steward
Louis B. Hanna (20).....W.·.Grand Junior Steward
Emery S. Beardsley (5).....W.·.Grand Marshal

Hugh McDonald (7).....as W∴Grand Sword Bearer
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....W∴Grand Pursuivant
Draper A. Lindsey (1).....W∴Grand Lecturer
Thomas Kleinogel (1).....W∴Deputy Grand Secretary
James Johnson (33).....W∴Grand Tyler

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of Lodges were present, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge, A∴F∴ & A∴M∴ of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

INVITATION.

W∴Bro. Charles E. Stone (3) moved:

That all resident and visiting Masons in good standing be invited to attend the Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

MINUTES APPROVED.

W∴Bro. Walter L. Williamson (25) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with, and they be adopted and approved as appearing in the printed proceedings.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M∴W∴Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a committee of three on credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: John Nelson (16), John McDonald (28), Edwin H. James (30).

COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE .

M∴W∴Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a committee on Division and Reference be appointed to whom shall be referred all reports of the Grand Officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: Theodore F. Branch (6), John F. Selby (10), George A. Luce (27).

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We find the following Grand, Past Grand Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Representatives from particular Lodges present, and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Robert M. Carothers (4).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
John A. Percival (21).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Edwin H. James (30).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
John Trenaman (1).....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Theodore F. Branch (6)..... W.·. Grand Senior Deacon
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....W.·. Grand Junior Deacon
Louis B. Hanna (20).....W.·. Grand Junior Steward
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L. A. Jacobson (27).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Draper A. Lindsay (1).....W.·. Grand Lecturer
Thomas Kleinogel (1).....W.·. Deputy Grand Secretary
James Johnson (33).....W.·. Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....P.·.G.·.M.·.
John F. Selby (10).....P.·.G.·.M
James McDonald (11).....P.·.G.·.M.·.
George L. McGregor (6).....P.·.G.·.M.·.
William H. James (23).....P.·.G.·.S.·.W.·.
George A. Luce (27).....P.·.G.·.Treasurer
Charles A. Harris (11).....P.·.G.·.Treasurer
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Edwin H. James (30)
Committee.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

M∴W∴Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Master, then read his Annual Address:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota.

Brethren: In the providence of God, we are permitted to reassemble to consider the past and to plan for the future.

Masonry is a progressive science, but progress is known and realized only by comparing today's work with that of yesterday; it is the advance from the good to the better ever having the best as our goal.

In this advanced and yet advancing day there is but little left for the hand of man to do save to control the machine which does, with the rapidity of steam power, that which our fathers strove so laboriously to do by hand. "Hand-made" is now a trade phrase to attract attention.

Our noble Order has transferred from the operative to the speculative, one of the most useful of all trades and one which has, perhaps, to the least extent been invaded by machinery. So the character of a man is not turned off from a machine, but, step by step, must be built. As in operative Masonry mechanical appliances are used to aid and make easier the work of the hand, so with us are the modern and advanced methods of education and development used to help us over hard places and to bring about not so much a more rapid but a better progress.

In our early Masonic life we are presented with two very simple, but very useful tools. The skill required to measure a piece of work or to do the roughest dressing is not of the highest order. Truly an apprentice is equal to the task set before him. As Masons, we are taught to make use of our time, and to be employed in some honest and honorable calling, humble though it often be. A lazy, shiftless man is not, cannot be a good Freemason. No more can he whose occupation is immoral, degrading, dishonest or contrary to law, human or divine. The Masonic teachings of the 24 inch guage and the common gavel preclude the possibility.

As we advance in our Craft, more tools are put into our hands: tools requiring greater skill in the using with us as well as with our operative brother, the plumb, the square and the level. Any man can find honest employment and can keep himself from the grosser violation of the moral law, but the application of the virtues symbolized by these three tools requires an honesty of purpose and strength of will too often found to be lacking.

In almost every man's breast is the desire to leave behind him some evidence that he has been. The effort to carve his name high up is made by many, and in too many instances by acts and motives at variance with the work a Fellow Craft is expected to present. The

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full harmony of the horizontal and the perpendicular is found in the square, and insincerity and double dealings have no place in a Mason's life. He is the hero whose life is dominated by sincerity and truth, be that life lived in the most exalted of this world's stations, or in the most lowly.

At last, with the trowel in our hands, we are looked upon as master builders, qualified to supervise and instruct. How many a Mason should find in himself his own first pupil!

An institution is a success only to the degree in which it accomplishes the end for which it was originated. The primary object of Freemasonry is to aid men in erecting a moral edifice, not to teach religion. But morality and religion are so closely related, coming from the same divine origin, that no atheist can be made a Mason. Masonry does not seek to displace the church in the hearts of men, and it is only those who fail to grasp the true principles of the Order that are led into the error of saying "My Lodge is my Church."

Let us use our working tools for the purposes for which they are intended. Then will we, indeed, become workmen "That need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Ignorance of the teachings of our Order often leads us into error of speech and action. After receiving the Master's degree, we too frequently fall into the serious fault of thinking we are masters. The brother contents himself with thinking he is possessed of the body of Masonry when, in fact, all he possesses is the skeleton. The Mason who, having become familiar with the Ritual of the Order, thinks himself well posted is as far from the fact as the child who, having learned the alphabet, believes himself well educated. Both have made a good beginning and both have that which, if followed, will lead to the desired result; but which if it inspires contentment will leave the one as lacking as the other. We do not all have time to read a great amount of Masonic literature, but we deprive ourselves of many of the best lessons intended to be taught by neglecting to study some of it.

One Worshipful Master within this Grand Jurisdiction has realized the need of such instruction, and proposes to meet it by presenting to each Mason made in his Lodge a copy of the lectures of that eminent Mason, the late Albert Pike. Not only should this Master's practice to be imitated, but his selection of material is to be commended.

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge a proposition to require an examination on the Master's degree was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to be reported on at this time. It is to be hoped that some positive action will be taken. One Lodge within this jurisdiction already requires such an examination.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Our Brothers, who have passed through the dark shadows of the valley of death, should claim our attention before we enter upon the details of my official acts during the past year.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge a brother who has occupied an elective Grand Office in this Grand Lodge has passed away. Bro. William H. Best, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge 1895-96, Grand Junior Warden 1894-5 and Grand Lecturer from 1890 to 1895, died at his home in Fargo on Tuesday afternoon, May 3rd, 1898, 3:32 p. m., in the forty-eight year of his age. Bro. Best at the time of his death was a member of Casselton Lodge No. 3, at Casselton, North Dakota, of which Lodge he had been Master for two terms. He was one of the best known Masons in the State, having attended the territorial Grand Lodge before the division, and having been in attendance on every Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge since its existence.

Bro. Best's duties as Grand Lecturer had taken him to all of the Lodges in the State several times. His labors in the field of promulgating our esoteric and monitorial work was eminently successful, and wherever he went for that purpose not only left behind him a greater knowledge of our Ritual, but left an enthusiasm which helped to incite the Lodges to better work and better deeds.

His term as Grand Master is marked by many decisions which are now a part of the regulations of this Grand Lodge. He was a man of inquiring mind, and was not satisfied with a superficial knowledge of duties which came to him to perform, and, consequently, as a Mason and as a Grand Officer he gave the Craft the benefit of inquiry and study into the laws, customs and regulations of our Fraternity. Bro. Best will be greatly missed, not only by individual Masons, but by this Grand Lodge; for his labors and Masonic knowledge during our Grand Communications have been invaluable. One Brother, responding to the notice of the death of Grand Master Best, among other things, very truly said: "How true it is that the Grand Master Architect moves in a mysterious way his edicts to perform. He takes the young, the honored, the Best, and leaves the old to mourn."

Last year the Grand Master said that the Grand Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of the largest number of Masons belonging to our Subordinate Lodges in the history of our Grand Lodge. This year I find the list of mortality among our own brethren even greater than that of last. Thirty have passed to the Great Beyond. The largest number of deaths (5) has occurred in Bathgate Lodge. When we consider that the Lodge has a membership of only 41, and that the deaths have been one-eighth of its membership, it is a tale of sorrow and regret. The next to suffer the most is that of Euclid Lodge, at Lakota, with three, with a membership of 82; and that of Cando Lodge, at Cando, with a roll of three out of a membership of 33.

From reports received, our sister Grand Jurisdictions have not escaped the afflictions of death, but in not so large a degree as the previous year. Then nineteen deaths were reported, this year I have but thirteen to report. In this regard I would say that some of the Grand Lodges appear to be derelict in that no notice of the death of their Grand or Past Grand Officers are sent out, and some of the notices of death which I shall give have been obtained from memorial notices sent out by Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies.

W. Alexander Thomas is the first to record. He was Senior Grand Deacon 1884 to 1886 of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He died at his home in the City of Terre Haute, July 26th, 1897. Was born in West Carlisle, Ohio, April 4th, 1829. Was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.∴A.∴M.∴ of Indiana, 1873; Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that State in 1878. Was Mayor of the City of Terre Haute 1871 to 1875 and Justice of the Peace for ten years.

M.∴W.∴ Daniel Spry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, 1883; born November 29th, 1835, New Burrits Rapids, County of Carleton, Ontario, died August 13th, 1897. Was an active member of the Supreme Council 33 degree of the A. A. S. Rite for the Dominion of Canada, and at the time of his death held the office of Grand Chancellor of the Supreme Council; Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Canada 1872-3; was Grand Recorder of the Sovereign Great Priory at the time of his death. For many years he was an efficient officer of the postoffice department and filled the position of Inspector for the five divisions of Toronto, Barrie and London, Ontario, which latter position he held at the time of his demise. Bro. Spry was one of the prominent figures in Masonry in the Dominion of Canada for the past forty years, and his strong personality has left enduring imprints upon the Institution in that country.

M.∴W..Jerome R. Gorin, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois 1867-68, and Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of that State in 1868, was born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, October 12th 1817, and was found dead in bed September 1st, 1897, having passed away some time during the night.

M.∴W.∴Alfred Martin Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina ,died at Wilmington, September 1st, 1897, in the 86th year of his age. Was also Grand High Priest of that Grand Jurisdiction when that Grand Chapter was reorganized in 1847; was re-elected in 1848 and again re-elected in 1866 and in 1867 also. The date of his election as Grand Master is not given in the notice, and this is one af the Grand Lodges which has failed to send out a memorial, and the data which we have given is obtained from the Grand Chapter memorial.

M.∴W.∴James M. Harkey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, died near Sweet Home, Arkansas, on the evening of Tuesday, September 28th, 1897, in the 65th year of his age.

M.·.W.·.Odel Squier Long was born in Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, October 16th, 1836, died at his home in Charleston, West Virginia, December 26th, 1897. Bro. Long was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for fourteen years, retiring in 1885 to accept the office of Grand Master. He also served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter R.·.A.·.M.·. of that State for fourteen years, when he was elected Grand High Priest. Was again re-elected Grand Secretary after six years and continued to serve in that position until his death. He was the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of that State. On May 30th, 1876, was crowned an active member by the Supreme Council A. & A. Scottish Rite at Washington, D. C. Bro. Long was a lawyer by profession, and in 1874 was elected Clerk of the Court of Appeals of West Virginia, in the duties of which office he was engaged at the time of his death. Bro. Long was one of the shining lights of Masonry in that Grand Jurisdiction, and one of the most valuable members of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. He made an ideal Grand Secretary, as well as an ideal Clerk of the Court of Appeals. His death was a calamity and universally mourned by the Masonic Fraternity and the public of his chosen State.

M.·.W.·.John Quincy Adams Fellows, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana during the dark days of the Civil War, died Sunday, November 28, 1897, in the 73rd year of his age. He was born at Topsham, Orange County, Vermont, April 23rd, 1825. He was the fifth generation from Samuel Fellows, who came from England between 1635 and 1643, and settled in Massachusetts. Bro. Fellows was one of the great lights in the Masonic history of our country. When but 35 years of age he was taken from the floor and elected Grand Master in 1861 and re-elected in 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865. Was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter R.·.A.·.M.·. in 1865; Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana 1868; Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1865 of the Grand Commandery K.·.T.·.of Louisiana, and in 1871 was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States and served during his term until 1874. It was during his term as Grand Master of Knights Templar that the "Order of the Grand Cross of the Temple" was founded in England, limited by its constitution to thirty members. Bro. Fellows was selected one of its members, and received from the Prince of Wales the Star of the Order. He was the only member of the Order in the United States. At the time of his death he was one of the active members of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, and one of the Inspectors General for Louisiana and Mississippi.

R.·.W.·.William Abram Love, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, was born in Camden, South Carolina, May 16th, 1874, died at Atlanta, Georgia, January 22nd, 1898. Bro. Love

was a prominent character in Capitular Masonry in which his greatest efforts were made.

M.∴M.∴William B. Taliaferro, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia 1874-76, died at his home in Gloucester County, Virginia, February 27th, 1898. Bro. Taliaferro was a Major General in the Confederate Army, and held many positions of civil trust in the State in which he and two generations before him had lived. He was much beloved by his brethren and as a courtly "Old Virginia Gentleman" was respected and honored by those who knew him.

R.∴W.∴Charles C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho at the time of his death, which occurred on the evening of February 28th, 1898, after a brief but severe illness. Bro. Stevenson was born in Red Bluffs, California, November 29th, 1862, and came to Idaho with his parents in 1863. He was elected Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge in 1895, and had written the Report on Correspondence for that Grand Lodge from September, 1889. Bro. Stevenson was an efficient Grand Secretary and the successor of Bro. J. H. Wickersham, who died the year previous. As a writer on Correspondence his style was terse, yet lucid, and he had the faculty of condensing the doings of other Grand Lodges into reports that were delightful to read.

M.∴W.∴William Paget Allen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, 1886, was born in Mason County, Kentucky, September 18th, 1824, and died at his home, at the City of Dubuque, March 26, 1898. He served the Grand Commandery of that State for more than a quarter of a century as its Grand Prelate. For a period of thirty-five years he had been almost a constant attendant upon the Annual Communications of that Grand Lodge. In 1863 he was elected one of the custodians of the Work, and held that office at the time of his death.

M.∴W.∴Daniel Striker, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1879, died at his home in Hastings, Mich., April 11th, 1898, in the 63rd year of his age. Was born April 9th, 1835, at Rose, Wayne County, New York, and in the following August was taken by his parents to the then Territory of Michigan and settled at Concord, Jackson County, Michigan, and moved to Hastings in October, 1855. Bro. Striker had the respect and regard of his brethren in that great jurisdiction, and although he had arrived at that age when death is not so uncommon, yet the intelligence of his demise came, as the Grand Master of that Grand Jurisdiction says in his memorial notice, "like a flash of lightning from a clear sky."

M.∴W.∴James R. Boyce, Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana, 1872, died at the home of his son in Butte, Mont., Saturday, April 23d, 1898. Was born in Logan County, Ky., October 11th, 1817.

With the mention of this honored brother, we complete the list of deaths of Masons whose intelligence, zeal and genial qualities have made them honored sons of our great Fraternity.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following special dispensations have been granted during the year:

To confer degrees in less than statutory period	18
To elect officers	6
To publicly install officers	4
To attend divine worship	1

Two requests for dispensations to confer degress in less than four weeks were refused.

It may appear to some that the number of dispensations to shorten the time between the several degrees is unusually large. The policy of my predecessors in this regard has been extremely conservative, and properly so. I have not been unmindful of this record, but it is seldom, indeed, that during one administration two such emergent periods arise as those we have seen coming out of the rush to Alaska and our war with Spain. In many instances dispensations have issued in favor of young men, sons of Masons, going in to answer their country's call, and of whose safe return our assurances are far from positive.

NEW LODGES.

On June 1st, 1898, I signed a dispensation for a Military Lodge to be attached to a battalion of troops from our state in the Philippine Islands. Lieut.-Col. Wm. C. Treumann, of Grafton, was named as Worshipful Master; Major Frank White, of Valley City, as Senior Warden, and Captain, now Major, John H. Fraine, of Grafton, as Junior Warden. Few, if any, of my official acts have given me greater pleasure than this. Nearly every commissioned officer in the command signed the petition for dispensation. Through what channel can the officer and soldier be brought nearer together in friendship and mutual understanding than through a Masonic Lodge? Many of the members are of our newly made brethren to whom this Lodge will be a means of inspiration and instruction. Every meeting will be a reminder of some of the last scenes in the home land, and in the hands of such of her sons the honor of our beloved country is safe. When our brothers return and deposit with this Grand Lodge the furniture and records of their movable Lodge, North Dakota Military Lodge will have passed into history crowned with the memory of men who did their duties in defense of principles all Masons love.

I would recommend that all Masons, members within this Grand Jurisdiction and now in the military service of the United States, be

relieved from all Lodge dues, and their Lodges from Grand Lodge dues on them, during the continuance of such service.

Two dispensations have been issued for regular Lodges. On October 28th, 1897, one for Liberty Lodge, at Enderlin, and on January 22nd, 1898, one for Walhalla Lodge, at Walhalla, the former with 13 members and the latter with 14.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, Charters were granted to Willow Lodge No. 47 and Milton Lodge No. 48. Acting under our Commission, R.·.W.·.Grand Senior Warden John A. Percival, on July 29th, 1897, duly constituted Willow Lodge. His report is as follows:

Devils Lake, N. D., Aug. 3, 1897.

R. M. Carothers, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Forks, N. D.:

Dear Sir and Bro.: By authority of your commission, delegating me to repair to Willow City and constitute Willow Lodge No. 47, and install its officers I beg leave to report: that on the 29th day of July your orders were duly executed, at which time I constituted said Lodge and installed its officers.

I was received with a hearty, Masonic greeting by the members, all of whom I found enthusiastic in the work, its officers well skilled, and you may expect a most excellent report from this Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

John A. Percival, Gr. S. W."

On August 7th, 1897, I went personally to Milton to constitute Milton Lodge No. 48. The occasion was very pleasant indeed. The members of the Lodge were energetic, and everything possible was done for the success of the ceremonies.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On June 2nd, 1897, I recommended to the Grand Lodge of Ireland the appointment of Bro. Charles Allen, of Acacia Lodge No. 4 as the representative of that Grand Lodge near our own.

On January 26th, 1898, Bro. E. George Guthrie, of Casselton Lodge No. 3, was appointed as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. J. C. Gill.

DECISIONS.

Below are given for your consideration the most important decisions rendered. Others covering points already passed upon are omitted.

Question 1: If one or more of the committee reports unfavorably, but the ballot when spread is clear, is the candidate elected or rejected?

Answer 1: Elected. The ballot governs always.

Question 2: A brother, about to be tried by the state courts on a criminal charge, gets the complaining witness to leave the state. Not being able to secure the testimony of this witness before the Lodge on the Masonic trial of the brother, can the Justice of the Peace (Our Junior Warden) testify as to her testimony before him on the preliminary examination?

a. Can the Justice's record of the case containing the witness' testimony be introduced before the Lodge as evidence?

b. In another instance, out of which has come both civil and criminal proceedings against this brother and the plaintiff and the complaining witness in the state court objects to giving before the Lodge, can her affidavit or deposition be used as evidence against the brother?

Answer 2: No. Such testimony can be used in a court of justice only for the purpose of impeaching the witness. Any bystander who heard the testimony would be just as competent a witness. That the Justice was an officer of the Lodge makes no difference. The accused has the right to meet the witnesses against him face to face in a court of competent jurisdiction, whether legal or fraternal.

All offences under the criminal statutes of the state, when committed by a Mason, are Masonic crimes, but not all Masonic offences are criminal.

If in a civil action, the evidence discloses a Masonic offence the justice or other court would not be thereby made a competent witness before the Lodge as to the testimony of a witness before him. Either the witness or his legal deposition must be produced. That a Mason is charged with a crime can make no difference in the rule.

Answer a. The records of a committing magistrate cannot be used against an accused on his trial, not even for impeaching purposes. The fact that the justice made minutes of the testimony of the witness does not make the records any more conclusive or admissible. Holding the accused to answer to a trial court does not raise the presumption of guilt against him. He is presumed to be innocent and as "probable cause" is sufficient to warrant the commitment of the accused. The record of the preliminary hearing proves nothing. Besides this, the defendant has the right to waive an examination or to take no active part in it, without parting with any of his rights or raising any presumption against him. Hence the record of such hearing cannot be binding against him as a matter of evidence.

Where the Justice of the Peace has purisdiction to try and determine, a different rule would obtain.

Answer b. Before a deposition may be used as evidence, the accused must have notice of the time and place of the taking of the depositions that he may have an opportunity to appear and cross examine the witness if he so desires. If, after such notice the accused fails to appear, the deposition may be taken and used.

I thoroughly understand that the sole object of a Masonic trial is to determine the truth of the guilt or innocence of the accused, and that the technical rules of the law are not to be held applicable in all their severity. At the same time some of the principles underlying those rules are so in accord with justice that it would not be wise, nor within the spirit of Masonry to disregard them. It would seem to be a better practice in cases where a brother is charged with a crime, and legal proceedings have been begun, for the Lodge to wait the conclusion of such proceedings. Then, if the accused has been adjudged guilty in a court of law, the record of the court as to such guilt, properly certified, would be sufficient to warrant the Lodge in proceeding against the brother for his Masonic delinquency.

But if the find be "not guilty," and it can be proved that he had been instrumental in getting witnesses away, the Lodge not only has the right to proceed against him but should do so.

Question 3: Charges were preferred against a brother. He made a strong fight. The prosecution had, as they thought, a sure case and did not half try. He was pronounced not guilty by a small margin. Many who voted in his favor became satisfied of his guilt. Can a new trial be had?

Answer 3: Proceedings against a brother are criminal in their nature. The Lodge is both judge and jury, and its finding in favor of the accused is final. No appeal on the part of the accusers will lie, nor can a new trial be granted.

Question 4: Would it be a Masonic offense for an officer of the law to accept a bribe?

Answer 4: Yes. Any Mason guilty of a crime under state laws is guilty of a Masonic offense.

Question 5: A. having received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in the Lodge at J. moves within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at M. and after about ten years the Lodge at J. requests Lodge at M. to confer Master's degree.

a. Has the Lodge at J. lost jurisdiction?

Answer: No.

b. Should not the Lodge at M. appoint an Investigating Committee and require a ballot?

Answer: No.

c. In case of a request by one Lodge to another to confer degrees and vote is taken openly, does one dissenting vote prohibit the conferring of the degrees?

Answer c. The conferring of degrees by one Lodge at the request of another is merely a matter of Masonic courtesy. The Lodge so requested should decline to comply only upon good grounds. If any reason exists why the request cannot be complied with, the requesting Lodge should be so notified and reasons given. A majority vote (viva voce) of the members present is sufficient to warrant the requested Lodge in proceedings unless charges are preferred.

d. Should all requests be voted on by secret ballot?

Answer d. Not necessarily.

Question 6: L. Lodge has two applications for membership; both are good men from a moral standpoint and worthy to be admitted to our Order. One of them is hard of hearing, the other has a stiff left leg. Can they be considered?

Answer 6: The matter of physical defects should rest in the sound discretion of the particular Lodge. The degree of the hardness of hearing must control. If the hearing of the applicant is so defective that he cannot hear a whisper without what is said being heard by others standing near, he should be rejected, not because of his misfortune but for the protection of the Order.

With reference to the man with a stiff leg, it is clearly your duty to reject him.

While mental and moral qualifications are to be required in all cases, these, where serious physical defects exist, should not be deemed sufficient. (See Approved Decisions, Code 1897, pages 71, 72. Hearing. Page 73, General Qualifications.)

Question 7. Several members of the Lodge at G. were in arrears for dues for one year. The secretary read a list of such members in open Lodge, and gave notice that at the next regular meeting charges would be preferred against all members then remaining delinquent. By a vote of the Lodge an extension of ninety days was given the delinquents. At the expiration of that time, the Secretary preferred charges against all members still in arrears. By a vote of the Lodge all further action in the matter was deferred till December 1st, 1898. Was such action by Lodge regular?

Answer 7: No. Sec. 49, Bylaws of the Grand Lodge, makes it the duty of the Secretary of the particular Lodge "to present charges against all members who are in arrears for dues one year, unless the same be remitted or further time be granted by the Lodge." A general extension of ninety days to all who are in arrears is equivalent to in-

structing the Secretary to prefer charges against all members delinquent at the end of that time. After charges are preferred, the whole matter is in the hands of the Worshipful Master (Chap. IV, Sec. 1) and, as the statute is mandatory, he must direct the Secretary to issue and serve the proper citations, requiring the delinquents to appear at a time certain to show cause why they should not be suspended. (Sec. 49 Bylaws.)

A reasonable time should be given. The time here fixed is reasonably remote. To sustain these proceedings would result in rendering uncertain the Secretary's duties, to entail upon him needless, as well as useless labor, and to lumber the Lodge records with a lot of very undesirable matter. The Master of the Lodge will, therefore, fix a time for hearing these charges and proceed as prescribed by our Code.

On December 22, 1897, the Grand Secretary asked for a construction of the resolution of the Grand Lodge of 1897 relative to the traveling expenses of the Grand Lecturer, and later the Grand Lecturer asked for a similar opinion.

In both instances it was held that "the actual traveling expenses of the Grand Lecturer" to be paid by this Grand Lodge could include only car fare and sleeper expenses, as the state of the treasury would not warrant a further expenditure. It was recognized that the $5 per diem to be paid by the particular Lodge was too small to compensate the Grand Lecturer for his time actually spent, to say nothing of requiring him to entertain himself while on his official visits. We are glad to be able to report that the instances in which the particular Lodge failed to do this were very, very few. We are exceedingly sorry that "the instance has been known."

GRAND LECTURER.

One year ago the Grand Lecturer declared that " the duties of the Grand Lecturer had been light." The facts compel a very different report this year. All, or nearly all, the Lodges in the state have had schools of instruction under his direction. His work has been persistently and conscientiously done, and both the quality and quantity of the services rendered far in excess of the compensation.

The territory covered by this Grand Jurisdiction is so extensive, and in many instances the distances to be travelled so great, that I recommend that the Grand Lecturer be authorized to appoint a deputy for whose work and official acts he shall be responsible, and I would suggest that the Grand Lecturer be placed on or near one of the lines of railroad crossing the state from east to west and the deputy upon the other. This for convenience to the officers and economy to the Grand Lodge.

GRAND SECRETARY.

I gratefully acknowledge the continuance of the efficient aid granted by our Grand Secretary to my predecessors. The character of the work in his office requires a man especially adapted to it to insure the best results. We are to be congratulated on having an officer who fits his office.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at $500 per annum in 1891, while the Grand Lodge membership was not quite 1,600. This would make it per capita, calling it 1,600, 31¼ cents. The work has not only increased by virtue of membership, but because of more Lodges. At that year we had only 34 Lodges and now we have 50, and because of the Registry System of membership and better methods in the Grand Secretary's office.

We would recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed by the following sliding scale, thus increasing his compensation as the membership increased, to-wit:

At the rate of $31.25 for every 100 members until our membership is 3,000—$937.50.

The same rate at all times on 3,000 and $30 for every 100 members above 3,000 until our membership is 3,500—$1,087.50.

For every 100 members above 3,500, $25, until our membership is 4,000—$1,212.50.

For every 100 members above 4,000, $20, until the salary shall equal $2,000.

(In order to get $2,000 there would have to be a membership of nearly 8,000.)

The Grand Lodge of Dakota was organized in 1875. A number of Lodges were working in that Grand Jurisdiction several years before that. The total membership of North and South Dakota April 30, 1897, was 6,107. Thus it will be seen that it has taken more than a quarter century to get a total membership in both states of a few more than 6,100. North Dakota April 30, 1897, had 2,702 members. So that at a normal increase it will be long after many of us are dead, and most of us forgotten Masonically, that the maximum salary will be reached. Dead and forgotten, except our Grand Secretary whom we all hope will be performing his present functions when the dead line of his salary shall have been attained.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It will be remembered that last year the Finance Committee audited the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer during the session of the Grand Lodge. The result was that we were deprived of the presence and advice of this Committee almost entirely, and of the services of the Grand Secretary to a great extent.

The committee was not able to report until near the end of the session, and many matters were deferred until the state of our finances could be known.

To avoid these hindrances, I requested the Finance Committee to meet with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer one day before the convening of the Grand Lodge. If this action is found to have been wise and beneficial in its results, it is recommended that the arrangement be made permanent.

MASONIC CODE.

The Masonic Code has been issued in very attractive and convenient form, and has been distributed to the particular Lodges. It is to be hoped that officers and members will avail themselves of the help thus afforded. Let all things be done decently and in order.

Blank pages have been inserted for the purpose of entering amendments and decisions made and approved by this Grand Lodge from time to time, and the Masters of Lodges should see to it that their Code is kept posted to date.

Rules and regulations are necessary for the proper government of all organizations. They are not enacted arbitrarily, but for the betterment of the body governed, and should be enforced in a like spirit.

Every Mason is in honor bound to contribute his just proportion to the financial support of the Order. If he cannot without injury to himself and those dependent upon him, his Lodge should relieve him from his responsibility. If he persistently neglects this Masonic duty, the Craft owes it to its own self respect to withdraw him from its benefits. It is true that justice should always be tempered with mercy, but it should ever be remembered that mercy is not negative in its nature, that it is as positive an attribute as justice. A failure to understand and properly apply this benign principle will result in the degeneracy of Masonry into an invertebrate mass of sentiment without strength to raise its head and without ability to command respect. If the provisions of our rules have been invoked upon a delinquent brother, our duty toward him is not thereby put to an end, but rather increased. Better far to reclaim and restore one erring brother than to add two new names to our roll.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

Throughout our jurisdiction peace and harmony prevail, and our relations with sister jurisdictions are most fraternal.

I am sorry, indeed, to report that one Grand Jurisdiction with which we have exchanged Representatives has so far departed from the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry as to make further recognition impossible. I refer to the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in

removing from the Masonic altars of that jurisdiction the Holy Bible and substituting therefor the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Peru. Peculiar circumstances may exist in that country, but not such as will warrant such unmasonic action on the part of the Grand Lodge. When any body of Masons, so-called, extinguishes the greatest light of the Order, they leave themselves in such darkness as to make recognition out of the question.

I would therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge revoke the Commission of its Representative near the Grand Lodge of Peru, and direct their Representative near us to return his Commission, and that our Masonic relations cease until such time as our sister Grand Lodge may see the error of her way and return to the foundation principles of Masonry.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to return the trust committed to my care one year ago, realizing that the high honors I have enjoyed within six and a half years after receiving the Master's degree have been far more and greater than usually fall to the lot of one so young in Masonry. No addition of words can express my appreciation of the consideration and preferment I have had at the hands of my brethren in this Grand Lodge.

Perhaps not all of my official acts have met with unanimous approval, but one of the strong points of Freemasonry is the according to everyone the right to his own honest opinion.

Hoping and trusting that the absence of scism, past and present, within this Grand Body may be ours to experience for many years to come, I am,

Most fraternally,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS,

Grand Master.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer then submitted the following report:

To the Worshipful Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota.

I have the honor to submit my annual report as your Grand Treasurer as follows:

1897.		
June 9, To Cash from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y..	$ 732.00	
June 12, To Draft from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y..	2,148.20	
July 12, To Dep. ck from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y.	66.24	
Nov. 1, To Draft from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y..	20.00	
1898.		
Jan. 22, To Draft from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y..	20.00	
June 20, To cash from F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec'y..	3,011.93	$5,998.37

CONTRA.

1897.		
June 9, By Cash for mileage.....	$ 706.60	
July 5, By Refund to F. J. Thompson, G. S.....	60.00	
By cash paid Orders Nos. 17 to 35, inc'l....	2,219.84	
Balance on hand.....	3,011.93	$5,998.37

Fraternally submitted,
EVARTS C. STEVENS,
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R∴W∴Grand Secretary Frank J. Thompson (1) then submitted his report:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Grand Annual Communication were printed and distributed in due season.

Before having the printing done, I solicited bids and received them from several printing establishments, and awarded the printing to the lowest bidder. I have all bids on file, and would say in this connection that during the time I have been Grand Secretary I have always received bids for the printing of the proceedings from several firms each year and have always awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, and all of the bids which I have received are on file in my office.

RETURNS.

At the date of writing this report, June 10th, the returns have all been received, and after great trials and tribulations have been corrected, except in a few instances, and the figures which I give below may need changing.

According to reports, the work for the past year appears to be about the same as the previous year. For the year ending April 30th, 1897, 211 were Raised; during the present Masonic year 230 were Raised, an increase in Raisings of 19.

The net increase during the past year has been 135, a decrease of 17 over the previous year. We have now fifty Lodges, including the two under dispensation, and thus it will be seen that our increase is somewhat less than three for each Lodge.

The largest number Raised was by Evergreen Lodge No. 46, Minnewaukan, 17. The next Lodge in order of Raisings is Golden Valley No. 26, at Park River, with 11. Then comes Hillsboro No. 10 and Golden Fleece No. 31, at Forman, with 10 each.

LIBRARY.

During the year the Library has been increased by the addition of many volumes, not of Proceedings alone, but by miscellaneous works upon subjects bearing upon Masonry directly and indirectly.

During the year I was fortunate in securing for the Grand Lodge a library of books consisting of novels, some poetry and history. This collection was obtained through subscriptions by citizens of Fargo, and was to remain a circulating library for one year after which to be turned over to the public schools. The Board of Education refusing to receive the donation for reasons known to them, at my solicitation, turned their interest over to the Grand Masonic Library. The original collection contained 200 books, but some of them I find missing on account of subscribers not returning books and no record having been made of who took them away.

I have made a hasty count, and find that our Grand Lodge Library contains between thirteen and fourteen hundred miscellaneous books. In this number I have not included pamphlets, of which there is a large collection, and which I have not had time yet to catalogue, or proceedings of any organizations, Masonic or otherwise. On account of the character of the books which we have, I find it very hard to catalogue and put under any system. I would say in the number which I have given, I have not included a donation from Bro. Senator Hansbrough of nearly a thousand volumes.

We also wish to acknowledge the following donations:

From O. J. deLendrecie, Fargo—United States History, by Ridpath.

From S. T. Satterthwaite, Fargo—Social Tragedies, by Author.

Through the courtesy of Senator Hansbrough, our Library is in receipt of the "Official Gazette" and "Monthly Bulletin of Bureau of American Republics," and by courtesy we are in receipt of the following Masonic publications:

American Tyler, Detroit, Mich.
Ancient Craft Mason and Ohio Freemason, Cleveland, O.
Australasian Keystone, Melbourne, Australia.
The Craftsman, Atlanta, Ga.
Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind.
Kansas Freemason, Wichita, Kas.
Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind.
Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo.
Masonic Review, Cincinnati, O.
Masonic Journal, Portland, Me.
Masonic Token, Portland, Me.
Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O.
The Orient, Kansas City, Mo.
The Pacific Mason, Seattle, Wash.
Square and Compass, New Orleans, La.
Sprig of Acacia, St. Louis, Mo.
Southern Freemason, New Orleans, La.
The Trestle Board, San Francisco, Cal.
Texas Freemason, San Antonio, Tex.
Voice of Masonry, Chicago, Ill.

The room donated by the Masonic Bodies of Fargo to the Grand Lodge Library is entirely occupied with books, and many hundred volumes are stored away in the paraphernalia room of the Masonic Temple. Every space available in my office is filled with Masonic books belonging to the Library, and another room in the building in which my offices are located is also filled with books. The latter room I found necessary to rent or otherwise would absolutely have had no room for several thousand proceedings and supplies belonging to the Grand Lodge. Before renting the room I corresponded with the Grand Master and with all the members of the Finance Committee, explaining the situation, and was authorized to rent the same, which I did, and which I now find too small to contain the books on hand.

I previously stated that I did not have time to make up a complete catalogue. I do not wish it understood that I have put but little time on this work, because on the contrary I have spent a large portion of the past year in arranging the books in the new room, cataloging and various things which cannot be known except one is on hand to see what it is. In fact the work which I have put upon the library and the Card System has prevented me from writing a Report on Correspondence, and I did so because I believed the former to be of more importance to the Grand Lodge than the Correspondence Report.

NEW LODGES.

During the year two dispensations have been issued by the Grand Master for the formation of Lodges, one at Enderlin, known as Liberty Lodge, the other at Walhalla, to be called Walhalla Lodge, of which

Dispensations the Grand Master has already reported. The returns of these Lodges, with transcript of proceedings, are on hand ready to be turned over to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There are two matters to be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals. The records of the cases have been sent to Bro. Walter L. Williamson, Chairman of that Committee, that he might have ample time to masticate the charges and digest the evidence.

GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS AND APPROVED DECISIONS.

Under instructions of the Grand Lodge at its last session, I have had the By-Laws, Approved Decisions, Resolutions, etc., printed. Based upon an estimate of the cost of the printing in the form that I had in mind at our last Grand Communication, the Finance Committee appropriated $120 for printing the same. After the session of the Grand Lodge, I took particular occasion to note the contents of similar works issued by other Grand Lodges and found that, with few exceptions, they all contained the Ancient Regulations and Charges. This I did not consider in giving the estimate, and in the preparation of the work for press it was suggested to me by noting what other Grand Lodge Digests contained that this Grand Lodge should have, for the use of Lodges, the various forms of all of the papers which are used in conducting Masonic affairs. It further occurred that, while I had endeavored to make the contents an index for themselves, it was better to have an index besides. Consequently the work grew in proportion.

I submitted the printing and binding of the Digest to bids from responsible printers who had the facilities for doing this kind of work, six firms in all, and awarded the contract to the lowest bidder, after consultation with Bro. A. B. Taylor, Fargo, Chairman of the Finance Committee. These bids I have on file and can be inspected if any one desires to do so.

The cost of printing and binding 250 bound copies and 50 unbound copies of the Digest was $216.50, and is in my opinion a creditable job and one of which our Grand Lodge need not be ashamed.

Some time along the fore part of March, 1898, I sent a copy to every Grand Lodge in the United States and Canada, and in fact to every Grand Lodge in the world with which we sustain fraternal relations. One copy was sent to every Grand Officer and member of Standing Committees and to several Libraries, as well as one copy to each of the Subordinate Lodges under our Grand Jurisdiction.

FINANCES.

Our expenditures during the year have been heavy on account of the unusual expense of printing our Code, paying expenses of Grand

Lecturer, the purchase of the Case for the Register System, which in total amounted to $493.50, and the extraordinary mileage which was paid at our last session, having paid $711.90 as against $417.00 the previous year and $440.70 the year prior to that with practically no greater number in attendance.

Agreeably to the provisions of our Bylaws, I closed the accounts of the Grand Lodge June 1st. At this writing, June 10th, two Lodges have not paid their dues and fees, and five Lodges have not paid their Library Tax.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

I am pleased to state that the Grand Lodge Register of Members of several particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction is practically completed, and the index cards printed and properly arranged. In order to do so, however, more work has been put upon the Register than in any previous year. There is yet considerable work to be done and information to be obtained before the system shall be as complete as I have laid out. The work is brought up to and including 1897.

To give some idea of the work involved would say that about 400 letters were written since our last Grand Lodge to Secretaries and individual members of the various Lodges relative to information necessary to complete the Register. Every one of these letters required the looking over of petitions, comparing with data received, and many of the letters to the Secretaries contained from five to fifteen pages.

The cards have all been transcribed with "Higgins American India Ink," as well as the index cards.

I find that up to and including 1897 returns there have been members of Lodges in what is now North Dakota to the number of 4,197. This, as you see, does not include the work of 1898, either of Chartered Lodges or Lodges U. D., which will swell the total roster to 4,332.

I have been greatly facilitated in many instances in getting correct data from petitions which came through Scottish Rite and Shrine sources. I have found information given by the Lodges to be incorrect and have rectified errors as far as possible, and, no doubt, have been so persistent in pursuing some detail that I presume some of those from whom the inquiry was sought thought that I was taking more pains than necessary, but I consider a record of no value unless it is correct, and on this principle I have tried to complete the system of our Membership Registry.

The next work to do will be to transcribe them to cards and get them ready for delivery to the particular Lodges. To do this work by hand as heretofore will not only be tedious and slow, but hereafter would always involve the necessity of obtaining some one expert in lettering. To facilitate the transcribing of the cards for the work

already done and for work that may come in in the future, I have experimented and examined about all of the typewriters that are now on the market, and found that there are none which will do the work upon the heavy cards which I have used for Membership records. For the past three years at odd moments, and often odd days and nights, I have experimented with an appliance that could be attached to a typewriter by which the cards could be printed by machine and at the same time have the ink forced into the cards by direct blow from the type. I have at last succeeded in getting a typewriter, which, in its general construction, answers the purposes. The appliance which I now have is in the rough, as it were, but I have sufficiently demonstrated its utility to believe that it will prove successful and a saving to the Grand Lodge in the course of time of many dollars. The typewriter I have is a Barlock, which I purchased during the year, and is the joint property of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery.

I did not purchase any cases last year for the Subordinate Lodges for various reasons, deeming it better to wait until the work was further advanced. However, I have had some correspondence relative to the furnishing of cases or trays, and find that there can be considerable saving if the purchase of them can be had in one lot. The cases which I have in mind are different in some degree from those that are kept in stock by any of the manufacturers of these card trays, and, hence, it can be seen that the purchase of a large number would be much cheaper than to purchase a few at a time, inasmuch as the cases will be a special order. This year the cards of all of the bodies will be so far advanced toward completion that it will be safe to give the order for the trays. It will be remembered that under previous resolution the several Lodges were to pay for trays and cards; but while the cards are being transcribed and the Lodges paying for the same the bill of the manufacturers must be settled, and I would recommend that your Grand Secretary be authorized to draw money from the Treasurer and to pay for the boxes in one job lot, and as the money is collected from the Subordinate Lodges in return for the trays it can be refunded to the Grand Treasurer.

As authorized by the Grand Lodge last year, I have purchased a handsome cherry case for the cards. The capacity of the case is 18,000 of the heaviest 33V cards, which I use for the record of names. This capacity is increased because of the use of lighter cards for the index; but with the use of A. Z. cards, the index and guide cards will make the approximate capacity 18,000. This would leave a capacity of 9,000 for the record cards, so it will be seen that the case will last many years. The case cost about $48, less than was appropriated for the purchase of the same, and in the purchase price was also included 6,000 cards and 55 sets of A. Z. cards and some guides.

While I shall not be at the office much during the session of this Grand Lodge, my clerk will be there and will be pleased to show any of the brethren the cards and case and explain the system. I hope the brethren will take opportunity to do so; for I am proud of the work which I entered upon several years ago, and although it has cost me much time and labor beyond any compensation which I have received, or have ever expected from the Grand Lodge, it has been in fact to me a labor of love, and, naturally, I feel a pride in the results. I wish to return my thanks to the Grand Lodge for its generosity and hearty co-operation with me in this matter. To the members of the several Grand Lodges before which this matter has been brought from its beginning to the present time, it partook, no doubt, largely of an abstract idea, and, perhaps, to some appeared to be "one of Thompson's crank notions," and, therefore, I feel complimented the more because I have been indulged so generously in pursuing my purpose to furnish a Grand Lodge Register. I believe all who inspect it will feel more satisfied at the expenditures which the Grand Lodge has made upon it than they can possibly feel without having seen or examined it personally. I would also say that it has attracted the attention of other Grand Secretaries, and I have received many inquiries from various Grand Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies as to the details of the system with a view to having the same adopted by other Grand Masonic Bodies.

During the year I paid out $237.98 for work upon the Register and supplies, and $127 for the Card Case with supplies mentioned, making a total of $364.98.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The work in the Grand Secretary's office during the past year has been unusually heavy, as may be better understood when my account shows that $120.16 have been spent in postage alone and $35.80 in express matter, mostly for outgoing packages. All of the Codes were sent by express, as I find that much safer than by mail and as cheap.

For the purpose of systematizing the details of my office and having a place for everything, I caused shelves to be put in, and having an opportunity to buy document cases at about half the usual price. I purchased about five dozen document cases, which will make ready and handy receptacles for the many different papers and records for some time to come which accumulate in the Grand Secretary's office.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

I herewith submit my Financial Statement, and for details of expenditure would respectfully refer you to my books, and for every item of expense a voucher will be found.

1897-8.

Balance on hand end year 1896-7	$ .27	
To cash received from Grand Treasurer per Order 17 to 35 inclusive	$2,926.44	
To Dispensation Fees, Liberty and Walhalla	40.00	
To Fees and Dues Chartered Lodges 1897-8	2,824.75	
To Fine for delay in sending reports No. 2 and 42	10.00	
To arrears from Reynolds Lodge No. 42	3.00	
Cash holding for Charters to Liberty and Walhalla	60.00	
To cash, fees Jamestown and Mizpah, paid after account closed	141.25	$6,005.71

CONTRA.

1897-8.

By cash paid out per books and vouchers	$2,752.53	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Dispensation Fees	40.00	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Dues and Fees, 1897-8	2,824.75	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Fines and Arrearages	13.00	
By cash to Grand Treasurer, Jamestown and Mizpah fees, paid after account closed	141.25	
By cash on hand Charter Fees Liberty and Walhalla	60.00	
Cash on hand unexpended balance contingent acc't	174.18	
Stamped envelopes on hand	40.50	$6,005.71

LIBRARY FUNDS.

1897-8.

Return of Rent from Local and Grand Bodies	$ 7.00	
To balance on hand June 8th, 1897	40.76	
To last one-half '96 assessment	123.85	
To tax due April 30th, 1898, first assessment	258.60	$ 430.21

CONTRA.

By insurance on library	$ 39.05	
By rent of extra room	35.00	
By one Wernicke book case	22.00	
By one table	3.75	
By shelving and making	11.25	
By books, express, help, etc	203.72	
In hands of Grand Librarian	115.44	$ 430.21

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

The Grand Lecturer then submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·. & A.·.M.·. of North Dakota.

During the year last passed, your Lecturer has visited, officially, forty of the fifty Lodges in the State. The utmost courtesy has been shown him by the various Lodges visited.

The esoteric work of the Lodges is fair and the interest shown in it, especially in the amendments in the Third Degree, justify the hope and prediction that a still greater degree of perfection will soon be attained. The amount of time demanded for the work prevented me from completing the tour of all of the Lodges as required by the resolution concerning the same, passed at the last Communication of this Grand Lodge.

I would respectfully recommend that several District Lecturers be appointed for the instruction of the Subordinate Lodges, as the time required to visit all of the Lodges in the State cannot be given by any busy and competent brother.

I have found in the hands of the brethren a large number of unofficial and unmasonic ciphers. I would respectfully recommend that the use or possession of such ciphers be forbidden by this Grand Lodge.

This report would be incomplete without my expression of appreciation of the kind and fraternal greeting and treatment which I received from the various Lodges visited. A tour of the Lodges in this State will engender an understanding and appreciation of North Dakota Masonry as nothing else will.

My financial report is as follows, to-wit:

Amount expended for mileage and livery	$154.09
Hotel bills while en route	18.00
Seven days' time necessarily lost in travel at $5 per day	35.00
Hotel bill at Dickinson while visiting Dickinson Lodge	3.00
Total	$210.09

CONTRA.

Amount received from Grand Secretary	$150.00
Balance due	$ 60.09

Fraternally submitted,

D. A. LINDSEY,

Grand Lecturer.

Fargo, N. D., June 21st, 1898.

TELEGRAM TO BRO. WM. C. TREUMANN.

W∴Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1) moved:

That the Grand Lodge of North Dakota now in session send greeting to our Brothers at San Francisco, members of North Dakota Volunteers

Carried.

RESPONSE TO TELEGRAM.

In response to greetings sent by the Grand Lodge to Bro. Treumann, the following telegram was received during the session:

"Camp Merritt,
San Francisco, Cal.

F. J. Thompson, Gr. Sec.'
Fargo, N. D.

Brethren in field send fraternal greetings. All well.
Lt.-Col. W. C. Treumann."

REPORT—COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of W∴Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1.—That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to the Morals and Dogmas be referred to a Special Committee on Morals and Dogmas.

2.—That so much as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to Committee on Obituary.

3.—That so much thereof as refers to Special Dispensations for degrees needs no reference, they coming clearly within the powers of the Grand Master.

4.—That so much as refers to granting Dispensations to form Mil'tary Lodge in the Philippine Islands be referred to a Special Committee.

5.—That so much thereof as refers to Decisions be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

6.—That so much thereof as refers to Grand Lecturer be referred to Committee on Grand Lecturer.

7.—That so much thereof as refers to having Finance Committee meet on the day before the Communication of the Grand Lodge be referred to a special committee.

8.—That so much thereof as refers to Schedule for Grand Secretary's salary be referred to Committee on Finance.

9.—That so much thereof as refers to granting Dispensations for formation of new Lodges at Enderlin and Walhalla be referred to Committee on Lodges U. D.

10.—That so much thereof as refers to Grand Lodge of Peru be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

GRAND TREASURER.

11.—That the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to Finance Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY.

12.—That so much thereof as refers to Returns of Chartered Lodges be referred to Committee on Chartered Lodges.

13.—That so much thereof as refers to Grand Lodge Library be referred to Committee on Library.

14.—That so much thereof as refers to Lodges under Dispensation be referred to Committee on Lodges U. D.

15.—That so much thereof as refers to Grievances and Appeals be referred to Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

16.—That so much thereof as refers to permitting the Grand Secretary to draw money temporarily to pay for Card Trays be referred to Finance Committee.

17.—That so much thereof as refers to his Financial Statement be referred to Committee on Finance.

GRAND LECTURER.

18.—That the Report of the Grand Lecturer as to Deputy Grand Lecturers be referred to a Committee on Grand Lecturer.

19.—That so much thereof as refers to his financial statement be referred to Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,
Theodore F. Branch (6),
John F. Selby (10),
George A. Luce (27),
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Theodore F. Branch, (6), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.· F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that, agreeably to an order from the Grand Master, this Committee convened one day prior to the opening of this Grand Lodge at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has carefully examined the books, records and vouchers in the office of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and find the same correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts, namely:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Fiscal year	$ .27	
Cash received from Grand Treas. per Orders Nos. 17 to 35	2,926.44	
Dues and fees Chartered Lodges 1897-8	2,824.75	
Fines imposed for delayed reports	10.00	
Arrears from Reynolds Lodge No. 42	3.00	
Amount on hand pending action of Grand Lodge on Charters for Liberty and Walhalla	60.00	$5,824.46

EXPENDITURES.

By Appr., except Contingent, printing Proceedings, Grand Register, Card Case, Grand Lecturer	$1,272.17	
Printing Proceedings and cuts therefor	161.87	
Card Case with cards	127.00	
Grand Lecturer's Expenses	150.00	
Printing Codes	216.50	
Expenses Grand Register of Members	237.98	
Postage	120.16	
Express and Freight Charges	35.80	
Miscellaneous Printing	34.02	
Furniture and typewriting machine	48.00	
Rent	90.00	
Flowers (funeral P. G. Master Best)	12.15	
Miscellaneous Contingent Expenses	245.68	
Exchange on checks (dues and fees)	1.20	
Cash on hand	174.18	
Amount of dues and fees turned over to Gr. Treas.	2,837.75	
Amount on hand pending action Grand Lodge Liberty and Walhalla	60.00	$5,824.46

Stamped Envelopes, included in above, on hand....$ 40.50

RECAPITULATION.

Balance from last fiscal year	$ .27	
Receipts from all sources	5,824.19	
Due on account of dues and fees from Jamestown No. 6, $108.25; Mizpah No. 39, $35.25	141,25	$5.965.71
Total expenditures	$2,752.53	
Amount on hand pending action of Grand Lodge on Charters for Liberty and Walhalla	60.00	
Amount dues and fees turned over to Gr. Treas.	2,837.75	
Remaining due from Jamestown and Mizpah	141.25	
Cash on hand (turned back to Grand Lodge)	174.18	$5.965.71

LIBRARY FUND.

To balance on hand 1897	$ 40.76	
To received from per capita tax 1897-8	258.60	
To balance of per capita tax of 1895-6	123.85	
To balance due from Lodges	23.30	
To Library tax remitted by Lodges unauthorized	1.40	
To return of rent from Local and Grand Bodies	7.00	$ 454.91
By insurance	$ 39.05	
By rent	35.00	
By services cataloguing, etc	39.00	
By furniture	25.75	
By books and magazines	135.34	
By Miscellaneous	40.63	
Cash on hand	115.44	
Unadjusted account	24.70	$ 454.91

The following lodges have not remitted for the Library Tax:

Jamestown No. 6	$ 11.40
Mandan No. 8	5.10
Mizpah No. 39	3.30
Mouse River No. 43	3.50
	$ 23.30

The following Lodges have been charged with the following amounts:

Acacia No. 4	$13.40	but has paid	$13.20
Valley City No. 7	8.90	but has paid	8.70
Ellendale No. 13	5.90	but has paid	5.40
Sanborn No. 14	3.40	but has paid	3.20
Goose River No. 19	3.40	but has paid	3.30
Occidental No. 27	6.80	but has paid	6.70
Forest River No. 28	5.40	but has paid	5.30
	$47.20		$45.80

The above Lodges being short on their remittances $1.40 on account of deducting the assessment for members whose dues have been remitted during the year, we refer this matter to the Grand Lodge for action.

Your committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master Expenses	$100
Grand Librarian	100
Extra services incurred 1897-8 by Grand Secretary	100
Printing Proceedings	160
Registry	150
Contingent expenses	500
Arrears of Grand Secretary's salary, 1897-8	250

Whereas, the salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at $500 per annum in 1891 while the Grand Lodge membership was not quite 1,600, which would make it per capita, calling it 1,600, 31¼ cents. The work has not only increased by virtue of membership, but because of more Lodges. At that year there were only 34 Lodges and now there are 56, and because of the Registry system of membership and better methods in the Grand Secretary's office.

Therefore, we would recommend that the salary of the Grand Secretary be fixed by the following sliding scale, thus increasing his compensation as the membership increases and that the proper sum be appropriated annually therefor, to-wit:

At the rate of $31.25 for every 100 members until our membership is 3000—$937.50.

The same rate at all times on 3000 and $30 for every 100 members above 3000 until our membership is 3,500—$1087.50.

For every 100 members above 3,500, $25, until membership is 4,000..$1,212.50.

For every 100 members above 4,000, $20, until the salary shall equal $2000.

(In order to get $2,000 there would have to be a membership of nearly 8,000.)

Your Committee would further recommend that the compensation of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members of

Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, and the Master, his proxy or the representative of a particular Lodge be as follows:

Five cents per mile one way for every mile actually and necessarily traveled in attending Grand Lodge, and $2.00 per diem for every day in attendance at sessions of Grand Lodge, or its Committee.

We find that Hiram Lodge No. 20, at Page, has failed to make returns within the statutory time, May 15th.

Those failing to send in money for dues and fees on or before May 15th are:

Casselton No. 3, at Casselton, May 28th.
Mandan No. 8, at Mandan, May 19th.
Hiram No. 20, at Page, May 26th.
Bathgate No. 23, at Bathgate, May 31st.
Occidental No. 27, at Hope, May 26th.
Hope No. 29, at Oakes, May 30th.
Golden Fleece No. 31, at Forman, May 30th.
Star in the West No. 33, at Minot, May 21st.
Crystal No. 38, at Crystal, May 21st.
Mouse River No. 43 at Towner, May 23d.

The following Lodges have failed to send in any money whatever:

Jamestown No. 6, at Jamestown.

Mizpah No. 39 at Sheldon.

We recommend the enforcement of the regulation fine of $5 against each and every one of these delinquent Lodges.

Your Committee desires to express its perfect approval of the system of accounting and general management of the Grand Secretary's office, and congratulate the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in having so efficient and painstaking an official as the Most Worshipful Frank J. Thompson.

Fraternally submitted,
A. B. Taylor (1),
W. L. Stockwell (11),
Grant S. Hager (30),
D. M. Holmes (4),
Robert Morrison (2)
Committee.

WAHPETON'S PETITION.

The following petition from Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, at Wahpeton, N. D., was read, and, on motion of W∴Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was referred to a special committee.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of the City of Wahpeton, and State of North Dakota, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of said State, having received a special dispensation for the election of Masonic material within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, and the conferring of the degrees of Masonry upon such material then in actual service of the United States, and in the service of the army of the United States, did, on the——— day of May, 1898, duly elect, confer and cause to be conferred the degrees of Masonry, without fees or compensation, upon William B. Aspenwell, William R. Purdon, William D. Purdon, Albert E. Sunderhauf, Arthur McKean, Frank D. Peas, Loren Campbell and Fred Gellerman, and has by virtue thereof enrolled said parties so elected, initiated, passed and raised as members of said Wahpeton Lodge.

And Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. now prays that such proper action be had by the said Grand Lodge as shall exempt and relieve said Subordinate Lodge from the payment of any sum to the said Grand Lodge for such work so done without fees or payment made to said Wahpeton Lodge.

Dated Wahpeton, N. D., this 20th day of June, 1898.

J. J. Hull, W. M.

G. A. Lacy, S. W.

R. Y. Bates, J. W.

Attest:

C. A. McKean, Act. Sec.

(SEAL.)

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Committees:

Credentials.—John Nelson (16), John McDonald (28), Edwin H. James (30).

Division and Reference.—Theodore F. Branch (6), John F. Selby (10), George A. Luce (27).

Mileage.—Hugh McDonald (7), W. J. Larshbough (1), D. C. Moore (11).

Morals and Dogmas.—David M. Holmes (4), Thomas Kleinogel (1), Louis B. Hanna (20).

Obituary.—John Trenaman (1), John Sercombe (42), Frederick Weiss (38).

Military Lodge.—Evarts C. Stevens (43), John A. Percival (21), C. W. Barrett (9).

Grand Lecturer.—Louis A. Jacobson (27), John J. Hull (15), J. D. Winlaw (2).

Special Committee on Finance Committee.—Wallace Huff (4), Frank Reed (5), Alfred Steel (6).

Lodges U. D.—James McDonald (11), T. A. Thompson (30), Thomas E. Fox (47).

Library.—Walter L. Stockwell (11), Lewis Hill (8), George W. Young (26).

Chartered Lodges.—Halley V. Hicks (29) Emery S. Beardsley (5), Theodore F. Branch (6).

Committee to Meet Trustees of Masonic Temple.—Warren E. Hicks (13), George L. McGregor (6), John F. Selby (10).

On Wabpeton Resolution.—Charles A. Harris (11), Charles M. Valentine (18), Karl J. Farup (26).

Special Committee By-Laws.—Louis B. Hanna (20), George H. Keyes (13), Thomas Kleinogel (1).

RELATING TO PROPOSITION FROM SCOTTISH RITE BODIES.

Bro. Rufus E. Fleming, Inspector General for the Dakotas, A. & A. S. R. at request, stated that the Scottish Rite Bodies of Fargo were intending to erect a Scottish Rite Cathedral in the business portion of Fargo, and that it was intended to donate the use of rooms for the Grand Secretary's Office and Grand Lodge Library, and that, if it was agreeable to the Grand Lodge, he would like to have a committee appointed to confer with the Scottish Trustees and receive a proposition from them, whereupon

W∴Bro. Warren E. Hicks (13) moved:

That a Committee be appointed to confer with Scottish Rite Trustees concerning the proposition to be made by them for Grand Secretary's office and Grand Lodge Library.

Carried.

The M∴W∴Grand Master then appointed the following brothers a Committee to confer with Scottish Rite Trustees:

Warren E. Hicks (13), George L. McGregor (6), John F. Selby (10).

It being 5 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to Refreshment until 8 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORALS AND DOGMAS.

The Committee on Morals and Dogmas made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. David M. Holmes (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Morals and Dogmas respectfully recommend that each particular Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction be required to present to each Master Mason hereafter raised, and at the time of Raising, a copy of the Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees, as compiled by our late Bro. Albert Pike, with a promise from the candidate that he will read the same at his earliest opportunity. Said copy of Morals and Dogmas to be paid for by the Lodge.

Your Committee further report that these books can be obtained from the Grand Secretary at the expense of seventy-five cents per copy.

Fraternally submitted,
David M. Holmes (4),
Thomas Kleinogel (1),
Louis B. Hanna (20),
Committee.

REMARKS.

Bro. Thomas Kleinogel (1), W.·.M.·. of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, at Fargo, first conceived the idea to present a copy of the Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees above referred to to each candidate he raised. These books being read with so much interest and the Grand Master being presented with a copy by Bro. Kleinogel was so much impressed with the good results which would follow to Masons by obtaining a knowledge of the philosophy of Masonry, that he brought the attention of the Grand Lodge to these books in his Annual Address.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which, on motion of R.·.W.·.Thomas J. Wilder (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Obituary, to whom was referred the matter of our Fraternal Dead, report as follows:

That it is for us a painful surprise to learn the great harvest death has gathered from our Craft in distant lands and outside of our own jurisdiction, also the prominence of so many of them. We are

sure their influence in the Order must have been good and great. But as these will, or have been remembered in the reports of their own respective jurisdictions, we, your Committee, do not consider it necessary to present them at greater length in our columns.

As regards the mortality within our borders, we are grieved to learn that it is greater than in any year of the past. We are sure you all sympathize with the brethren of Bathgate Lodge No. 23 in the loss of so many of their members. The same must be said of Euclid Lodge No. 24 and Cando Lodge No. 40, knowing as we all do how it weakens and demoralizes a small Lodge to lose so largely of its membership. It often takes so long for brethren to regain the moral courage to go forward and build up the inroads made by death.

But this report would be incomplete should we fail to call the attention of all the Brotherhood to the great loss we have sustained in the death of our esteemed Brother William H. Best. He was known to all—in Casselton, in Fargo, and by his abundant labors all over the state. We are convinced we cannot do a greater service to our Brethren of this Grand Lodge than to present the remarks of our Most Worshipful Grand Master as our report, and do hereby recommend that that part of his report, referring to our late departed Brother William H. Best, be accepted as the report of your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,
John Trenaman (1),
J. Sercombe (42),
Fred Weiss (38),
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY LODGE.

The Committee on Military Lodge made the following report, which, on motion of Evarts C. Stevens (43), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota :

Your Committee on Grand Master's Address, to whom was referred that portion relating to the granting of a Dispensation for a Military Lodge, and recommending the remission of all dues during service, report as follows:

Masonry teaches us that it is the duty of all Masons to be loyal and true to the government under which they live; that patriotism, the love of the country, is the highest and noblest and best quality of the human heart. We, therefore, most heartily recommend the unanimous approval of the action of and recommendations made by our Most Worshipful Grand Master relative to the granting of a Dispensation for a Military Lodge in the Philippine Islands, and that the dues of all Masons, members within this Grand Jurisdiction, while in the military service of the United States during the war with Spain, be

remitted, and their Lodge be relieved from paying Grand Lodge dues on them during the continuance of such service.

Fraternally submitted,
E. C. Stevens (43),
John A. Percival (21),
C. W. Barrett (9),
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEETING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee on Meeting of Finance Committee made the following report, which, on motion of Wallace Huff (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master that the Finance Committee should hereafter meet on the day before the session of the Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend:

That the recommendation of the Grand Master be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,
Wallace Huff (4),
Alfred Steel (6),
Frank Reed (5),
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAHPETON PETITION.

The Committee on Wahpeton Petition made the following report, and W.·.Bro. Charles A. Harris (11) moved its adoption:

M.·.W.·.Bro. John F. Selby (10) moved as a substitute that the report of the Committee be referred to a Special Committee on By-Laws with instructions to report back to this Grand Lodge. The substitute was lost, and the report of the Committee was adopted as read.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Wahpeton Lodge No. 15 A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. respectfully recommend:

That the relief prayed for in said petition be granted.

And we further recommend that Grand Lodge fees for new members initiated, passed and raised under special dispensation in the same manner and for the same cause in any other Lodges in this state be remitted.

And further that all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be relieved from payment of Grand Lodge dues upon members in the service of the army of the United States.

Provided, however, that this resolution shall apply only to such Subordinate Lodges as shall have remitted or shall hereafter remit their fees and dues.

Fraternally submitted,
Charles A. Harris (11),
Karl J. Farup (26)
Charles M. Valentine (18),
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made the following report, which, on motion of Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. to whom was referred the petitions of Liberty Lodge U. D., at Enderlin, N. D., and Walhalla Lodge U. D., at Walhalla, N. D., report as follows:

We have carefully examined the transcripts of proceedings of the foregoing Lodges and find them in conformity to the Grand Lodge regulations, with the exception of a few clerical errors made by the secretaries. Said Lodges appear to be in a healthy condition and from the showing made believe they are properly equipped and capable of advancing the interests of Masonry.

We, therefore, respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted to each of said Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,
James McDonald (11),
T. A. Thompson (30),
Thomas E. Fox (47),
Committee.

WORK EXEMPLIFIED.

Agreeably to regulations of the Grand Lodge, the work on the Master Mason's degree was exemplified by the officers of Temple Lodge No. 30, of St. Thomas, N. D. At the request of Shiloh Lodge No. 1 of Fargo, the degree was conferred upon Otto B. Dagg, a Fellow Craft of Shiloh Lodge. Bro. Thomas Kleinogel, Worshipful Master of Shiloh Lodge, occupied the East during the examination, after which the officers of Temple Lodge No. 30, St. Thomas, took their stations and proceeded with the conferring of the degree.

The hour being 12 o'clock midnight, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 the following morning.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Library made the following report, which, on motion of W∴Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Library to whom was referred the matter of Grand Lodge Library report as follows:

That the Grand Lodge Library is one of which this Grand Lodge may well be proud. In the judgment of your Committee it is surpassed by few Grand Lodge Libraries in the number of volumes or the quality of books contained. We are satisfied that it is the best collection of Masonic literature in the Northwest. It consists of almost complete reports of the Grand Masonic Bodies of the world, rare old volumes on Masonic history and law, and books bearing on the questions of general history, philosophy and law, complete files of Masonic publications, and many books of general interest.

The number of Masonic reports is not obtainable, but very large. The Grand Librarian has a very difficult task before him in arranging and cataloguing these books, but is working on the task and will, undoubtedly, be able to report some good system for cataloguing in the near future.

It is hoped that sometime this Library will have a fireproof home, as it is too valuable a collection to be without such. It would be impossible to replace many of the books therein contained at the present time. Mindful as we are of the great task before our Grand Librarian, we would respectfully recommend that the matter of arranging and cataloguing be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Fraternally submitted,
Walter L. Stockwell (11),
Lewis Hill (8),
George W. Young (26),
Committee.

TIME OF ELECTION.

Bro. John Nelson (16) moved:

That the election of officers for the ensuing year be held at 2 o'clock p. m.

Carried.

REMISSIONS OF FINES.

R∴W∴Bro. Evarts C. Stevens (43) moved:

That the fines imposed for tardiness in sending in returns and money to the Grand Lodge be remitted.

Bro. John Nelson (16) moved as an amendment:

That the fine of Mouse River Lodge No. 43 only be remitted.

The amendment was adopted, and the original motion as amended was adopted.

W∴Bro. James Johnson (33) moved:

That the fine imposed on Star in the West Lodge No. 33 be remitted.

Lost.

The foregoing motions elicited considerable discussion, and the decisive action of the Grand Lodge in the matter clearly indicated its determination to enforce the effect of the law upon all lodges that have no valid excuse for not sending in their returns and money by the 15th of May.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges report as follows:

That the reports of the various Lodges are correct with the following exceptions:

Acacia Lodge No. 4 has paid dues on seven admitted when only six are reported.

Reynolds Lodge No. 42 failed to give names of dismissions.

Fraternally submitted,

Halley V. Hicks (29),
Emery S. Beardsley (5),
Theodore F. Branch (6),
Committee.

AS TO PAYMENT OF LIBRARY TAX WHEN DUES ARE REMITTED.

The Grand Master brought up the matter of whether the Library Tax should be paid upon members whose dues have been remitted, and as to whether Lodges U. D. should pay the Library Per Capita Tax. He referred the matter to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report. R∴W∴ Bro. Evarts C. Stevens (43) moved its adoption.

Bro. Thomas L. Foulks (12) moved as amendment that the report be taken up ad seriatim.

Lost.

M∴W∴John F. Selby (10) moved as a substitute that that part of the Committee referring to the decisions of the Grand Master be adopted, and that that part of the report of the Committee referring to the learning of the lecture of the Master Mason degree be reconsidered, and it be referred to a Special Committee on By-Laws.

Carried.

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred that portion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address relating to decisions report as follows:

That all of the Grand Master's decisions from one to seven, both inclusive, be approved.

Your Committee to whom, at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, was referred the matter of amendment of the sub-division of Sec. 27 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, relating to particular Lodges, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following amendment to be added to said sub-division:

"And all candidates advanced to the degree of Master Mason shall be required to become proficient in the lecture of said degree up to and including the obligation, and shall be examined in open Lodge as to such proficiency within sixty days after receiving such degree of Master Mason. And the Lodge shall report to the Grand Secretary upon blanks, to be furnished by him, the names of all persons who shall fail to so learn and exemplify said lecture as so required."

Fraternally submitted,

Frank J. Thompson (1),
John F. Selby (10),
George L. McGregor (6),
Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Grand Master then appointed the Special Committee on By-Laws, consisting of Louis B. Hanna (20), George H. Keyes (13), and Thomas Kleinogel (1).

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴ & A∴M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due Representatives, report as follows:

That mileage is due members as appears below.

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $699.70 to be paid by him to the proper Representatives as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge	Location.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Bro. Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	.....	$.....	$4 00	Thomas Kleinogel
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	8 10	4 00	J. D. Winlaw
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	1 00	2 00	Charles E. Stone
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3 90	4 00	Wallace Huff
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	9 75	4 00	Frank Reed
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4 65	4 00	Alfred Steel
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	2 90	4 00	Hugh McDonald
8	Mandan	Mandan	207	10 35	4 00	Lewis Hill
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2 10	4 00	C. W. Barrett
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1 95	2 00	Thomas Harrison
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	D C. Moore
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	A. R. Stone
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	7 00	4 00	W. E. Hicks
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3 50	4 00	William McKean
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2 30	4 00	J. J. Hull
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5 20	4 00	John Nelson
17	Minto	Minto	107	5 35	4 00	John Miller
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88	4 40	4 00	Charles W. Valentine
19	Goose River	Port and	68	.....	.....	.....
20	Hiram	Page	53	2 65	4 00	J. E. Garwood
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	.....	.....	.....
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7 45	4 00	H. H. Wohlnick
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7 45	4 00	William Beaton
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	.....	.....	.....
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	.....	.....	.....
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7 00	4 00	Karl J. Farup
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Louis A. Jacobson
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6 15	4 00	John McDonald
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	H. V. Hicks
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6 55	4 00	T. A. Thompson
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	.....	.....	.....
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15 45	2 00	John Riessbeck
33	Star in West	Minot	282	14 10	4 00	Robert H. Gollay
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8 95	4 00	W. F. Winter
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7 10	4 00	M. H. Murney
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5 50	4 00	George T. McLean
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3 05	4 00	M. J. Holley
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6 80	4 00	Fred Weiss
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	2 10	4 00	M. B. Greene
40	Cando	Cando	199	9 95	4 00	William Corduck
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5 50	4 00	H. H. Cornwell
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2 85	4 00	J. Sercombe
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	.....	.....	.....
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13 00	4 00	Mark Hawker
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	.....	.....	.....
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9 65	4 00	A. A. Lindahl
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12 10	4 00	Thomas E. Fox
48	Milton	Milton	164	8 20	4 00	A. T. Helgeson
U D	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2 50	4 00	D. C. McColm
U D	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8 30	4 00	John D. Gordon
			6165	$261 65	166 00	

In reference to Liberty and Walhalla Lodges U. D., we have included them in above list, and recommend that they be allowed mileage and per diem the same as Chartered Lodges.

GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	Miles	Mileage	PER DIEM	BRO. RECEIPTING.
Robert M. Carothers, G.M...	Grand Forks..	78	$ 3 90	$ 4 00	R. M. Carothers.....
George H. Keyes, D.G.M	Ellendale.....	140	7 00	4 00	Geo. H. Keyes .....
John A. Percival, S.G.W.....	Devils Lake...	165	8 25	4 00	John A. Percival....
Edwin H. James, J.G.W.....	St. Thomas....	131	6 55	4 00	Edwin H. James.....
Evarts O. Stevens, G. Treas.	Towner	249	12 45	4 00	E. C. Stevens.....
Frank J. Thompson, G. Sec.	Fargo.....	.....	.....	4 00	F. J. Thompson .....
John Trenaman, G. Chap.....	Casselton.....	20	1 00	4 00	John Trenaman.... .
Theo. F. Branch, S.G.Deacon	Jamestown	93	4 65	4 00	Theo. F. Branch .....
Thos. L. Foulks, J. G. Deacon	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	Thos. L. Foulks.....
Louis B. Hanna, J.G.Steward	Page.....	53	2 65	4 00	L. B. Hanna.....
E. S. Beardsley, G. Marshal	Bismarck.....	195	9 75	4 00	E. S. Beardsley .....
Draper A Lindsey, G. Lec...	Fargo	.....	.....	4 00	D. A. Lindsey .....
James Johnson, G. Tyler....	Minot	282	14 10	4 00	James Johnson .....
John F. Selby, P.G.M.....	Hillsboro	39	1 95	4 00	J. F. Selby.....
James McDonald, P.G.M.....	Grafton.....	117	5 85	4 00	James McDonald .....
Geo. L. McGregor, P.G.M	Ft. Totten	185	9 25	4 00	G. L. McGregor .....
William James, P.S.G.W.....	Bathgate.....	149	7 45	2 00	Wm. James. .....
Geo. A. Luce, P.G.Treas.....	Hope.....	66	3 30	4 00	George A. Luce .....
Chas. A. Harris, P.G.Treas.	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	Chas. A. Harris .....
Thos. J. Wilder, P.G.Sec....	Chaffee	20	1 00	4 00	Thomas J. Wilder .....
W. L. Williamson, Griev & Ap	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	W. L. Williamson.....
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J. T. Blacklock, Griev & App	Hamilton.....	142	7 10	4 00	J. T. Blacklock .....
E. Geo. Guthrie, Griev & App	Casselton.....	20	1 00	2 00	E. Geo. Guthrie.....
Alex. B. Taylor, Fin. Com...	Fargo	.....	.....	6 00	A. B. Taylor.....
W. L. Stockwell, do	Grafton.....	117	5 85	6 00	W. L. Stockwell.....
Grant S. Hager, do	St. Thomas....	131	6 55	6 00	Grant S. Hager.....
David M. Holmes do	Grand Forks .	78	3 90	6 00	D. M. Holmes.....
Robt. Morrison do	Pembina.....	162	8 10	6 00	Robt. Morrison .....
		2981	$150 05	122 0	

Total number of miles traveled by Representatives present, 8,214.
Total amount of mileage paid, $691.30.

Fraternally submitted,
Hugh McDonald (7),
D. C. Moore (11),
W. J. Larshbough (1),
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Special Committee on By-Laws made the following report:

Bro. C. W. Barrett (9) moved its adoption.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota.

Your Special Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, respectfully recommend:

That there be added to Section 27 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws the following:

"And all candidates advanced to the degree of Master Mason shall be required to become proficient in the lecture of said degree

up to and including the obligation, and shall be examined in open Lodge as to such proficiency within sixty days after receiving such degree of Master Mason. And the Lodge shall report to the Grand Secretary, upon blanks furnished by him, the names of all persons who shall fail to so learn and exemplify said lecture as so required."

Fraternally submitted,

Louis B. Hanna (20),
George H. Keyes (13),
Thomas Kleinogel (1)
Committee.

W∴Bro. Lewis Hill (8) moved as an amendment:

"That the Brother shall be disqualified to vote or hold office in the Lodge until he has learned the lecture."

Bro. David M. Holmes (4) moved as an amendment to the amendment:

"That in case the newly made member fail to committ the lecture within sixty days the Secretary be directed to prefer charges against him for U. M. C."

Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

"That the whole matter be laid on the table."

Which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Report of Grand Lecturer made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Lewis Hill (8) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴ of North Dakota.

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer, to whom was referred the Report of Grand Lecturer D. A. Lindsey, report as follows:

That this Grand Lodge dispense with the compulsory school of instruction of one day's session in each Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction for the ensuing year, and that a Committee be appointed to district the jurisdiction; that one Lodge in each district be designated as a place of meeting for instruction. Such meetings to be held at least once a year at such time as decided upon by a majority of the Lodges in each district. The Grand Lecturer to receive a fee of $5 a day for attending such meeting, to be paid by the Lodges jointly within such district.

Your Committee further recommend that the use of Reddings Ecce Oriente, and other publications using consonated words for the esoteric parts, be prohibited.

Fraternally submitted,

L. A. Jacobson (27),
John J. Hull (15),
J. D. Winlaw (2),
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee made the following Supplementary Report, which, on motion of Bro. Louis B. Hanna (20), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred Library Per Capita Tax and certain items of expense in Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary's reports, respectfully recommend:

That Lodges remitting dues under provision of Sec. 23, Grand Lodge By-Laws, shall not be required to pay the Library Per Capita Tax; that Lodges while Under Dispensation shall also be exempt from such Library Per Capita Tax.

That the sum of $4.09 be paid to the Grand Lecturer on account of balance due him for mileage and livery, and that the sum of $3 for hotel bill at Dickinson be paid by the Grand Lodge and collected from Dickinson Lodge No. 32.

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Lodge funds a sufficient amount to pay for the card trays.

Fraternally Submitted,

A. B. Taylor (1),
W. L. Stockwell (11),
Grant S. Hager(30),
Robert Morrison (2),
D. M. Holmes (4),
Committee

COMMITTEE TO DISTRICT STATE.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee to apportion the state into districts for Grand Lecturer purposes:

Louis A. Jacobson (27), Draper A. Lindsey (1), and A. T. Helgeson (48).

TIME GIVEN FOR THAT PURPOSE.

M·.W·.Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That the Committee to district the state have thirty days to file their report with the Grand Secretary, and that the same be printed in the Proceedings.

Carried.

REPORT GF COMMITTEE TO DISTRICT STATE.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the work of dividing the state into lecture districts, beg leave to make the following report. We have divided the state into eleven districts, each bearing the name of a town at which is located a Lodge. It is thought best to have th schools of instruction at the towns bearing the name of a district.

BISMARCK—District No. 1

Bismarck No. 5.
Mandan No. 8.
Dickinson No. 32.

CASSELTON—District No. 2.

Shiloh No. 1.
Casselton No. 3.
Occidental No. 27.
Hiram No. 20.
Goose River No. 19.
Cereal No. 9.

DEVILS LAKE—District No. 3.

Minnewaukan No. 21.
Evergreen No. 46.
Euclid No. 24.
Cando No. 40.

GRAFTON—District Nc. 4.

Crescent No. 11.
Bathgate No. 23.
Hamilton No. 35.
Temple No. 30.
Tongue River No. 22.
Crystal No. 38.
Pembina No. 2.
Walhalla No. 50.
Minto No. 17.
St. Johns No. 36.

GRAND FORKS—District No. 5.

Acacia No. 4.
Reynolds No. 42.
Hillsboro No. 10.

JAMESTOWN—District No. 6.

Jamestown No. 6.
Valley City No. 7.
Sanborn No. 14.
Northern Light No. 45.

LARIMORE—District No. 7.

North Star No. 16.
Milton No. 48
Golden Valley No. 26.
Forest River No. 28.
Lebanon No. 34.

LA MOURE—District No. 8.

Mackey No. 18.
Hope No. 29.
Golden Fleece No. 31.
Ellendale No. 13.
Maple River No. 41.

LISBON—District No. 9.

Sheyenne Valley No. 12.
Mizpah No. 38
Liberty No. 49

WAHPETON—District No. 10.

Wahpeton No. 15.
Fairmount No. 37.
Anchor No. 25.

WILLOW CITY—District No. 11.

Willow No. 47
Tuscan No. 44.
Star in the West No. 33
Mouse River No. 43.

Fraternally Submitted,
Louis A. Jacobson (27),
D. A. Lindsey (1),
A. T. Helgeson (48),
Committee.

RE-IMBURSEMENT TO GRAND LECTURER.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. D. A. Lindsey, presented a bill for $60.09, same being for expenses entailed in driving from some of the Lodges to others, and for expenses which did not come within those to be paid by the Grand Lodge or those to be paid by any particular Lodges.

Bro. Karl J. Farup (26) moved:

That the bill be allowed, and the Grand Secretary authorized to draw a warrant for the same.

Carried.

GREETING FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Bro. W. L. Williamson (25), as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, near that of North Dakota, presented greetings from that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing year the Grand Master appointed Bros. James T. Blacklock (35) and Frank Reed (5) as tellers, and ordered the election to proceed with the following result:

ELECTED.

George H. Keyes, (13) M.·.W.·.Grand Master, Ellendale.

John A. Percival, (21) M.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master, Devils Lake.

Edwin H. James (30), R.·.W.·. Senior Grand Warden, St. Thomas.

Theodore F. Branch (6), R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden, Jamestown.

Clinton D. Lord (26) R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary, Fargo.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which was taken up by cases:

W.·.Bro. Morrison (2) moved:

That the report of the Committee on the case of George J. Hankey and Cando Lodge No. 40 be approved.

Carried

W.·.Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That the report of the Committee in the case of C. O. Romanson and Willow Lodge be adopted.

Carried.

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·. M.·.of North Dakota:

Cando Lodge No 40,
vs.
George J. Hankey.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs leave to report that they have carefully considered the case of Cando Lodge No. 40 vs. George J. Hankey upon the second trial of said Brother, held pursuant to instructions from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota ,at its annual Communication at Fargo, N. D., June 8th, 1897.

We have carefully read over the proceedings of the second trial held January 11th, 1898, at Cando, N. D., together with exhibits accompanying the same, and, though we notice some slight irregularities in the filing of papers and proceedings at the trial, yet we find nothing which was prejudical to the accused, or in any way worked a hardship to him under his plea of "not guilty."

We ,therefore, concur in the sentence imposed, and do recommend that the action of Cando Lodge, No. 40, in expelling the said George J. Hankey be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Willow Lodge No. 47
vs.
C. O. Romanson.

Your Committee begs leave further to report that in the matter of Willow Lodge No. 47 vs. C. O. Romanson, coming to this Grand Lodge on appeal, they have carefully examined the voluminous papers in the case; have read the findings of the Commissioners appointed to try the said Brother, and find the proceedings in accordance with the procedure laid down by our Code.

We have carefully read and considered the errors assigned on appeal to the findings and decision of the Lodge, to none of which we can agree. The crime for which this Brother was charged is most gross and shocking. The perusal of the evidence indicates the utmost lenity on the part of the Commissioners; the proofs of guilt are full, sufficient and unequivocal and while we may not know the private

opinion of the individual members of the commission, yet, we are free to say, the findings of the commission, as a whole, show no prejudice or hardship towards the accused. The decision of the Lodge is in accordance with the testimony adduced at the trial, and the judgment in full accord with the tenants of Masonry.

We, therefore, approve the decision of Willow Lodge No. 47 in expelling the said C. O. Romanson from the order, and recommend that the said action be sustained by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally Submitted,

W. L. Williamson (25),
E. G. Guthrie (3),
James T. Blacklock (35),
John Riessbeck (32),
C. D. Lord (26),
Committee.

PROPOSITION FROM SCOTTISH RITE TRUSTEES.

Agreeably to request, the Scottish Rite Trustees submitted the following proposition to the Grand Lodge in writing:

"Fargo, N. D., June 22, 1898.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·., North Dakota:

Brethren: The Scottish Rite Bodies of Fargo propose to erect a Masonic Temple in Fargo at an early date. They have already secured the site and paid for the same, and hope to have the building completed inside of a year, and at the most two years hence. This building will be much more commodious than our present quarters, affording excellent facilities for all Lodge gatherings, and we invite the Grand Lodge to accept the use of the same for its annual gatherings, which will include the furnishing of an appropriate assembly room, and an abundance of committee rooms, all of which is freely tendered.

In this connection we offer to give to the Grand Lodge the use of space at least forty by fifty feet in size, being the corner of the building, facing First Avenue North and Fifth Street, in the basement of said structure (the floor of said basement being only three feet below the surface of the ground, and the height of this story being nine feet between floor and ceiling) for the offices of the Grand Secretary and the accommodation of the Library. We to complete the walls of this part of the building and leave the finishing and furnishing to you, as you may desire. We will also heat these rooms, but aside from these they shall be cared for by you and your officers and be under your control.

This will enable you to have the Library practically fireproof if you so desire. We request that the Library be open to the Masonic Fraternity, under proper restrictions, and that arrangemenes be made

to have it open evenings if possible. Other arrangements are contemplated to make this a popular Masonic gathering place.

The use of the foregoing is hereby tendered you for the period of twenty years, or longer if you so desire, at an annual rental of one dollar per year, and we authorize Messrs. Fleming, Harrison and Scott of our Board to meet a similar committee from your honorable body, and close the negotiation, if the same be deemed advisable on your part.

Respectfully,
RUFUS E. FLEMING,
President Scottish Rite Board of Trustees.

Horatio C. Plumley,
Secretary Scottish Rite Board of Trustees."

Bro. Frank Reed (5) moved:

That a Committee be appointed to accept the proposition from the Scottish Rite Trustees, and to make division of rooms, the committee to report at next annual Communication.

Carried.

It was further moved and carried that such Committee be empowered to act only so far as division of the rooms and foundation is concerned.

The Grand Master then appointed as such Committee the following Brothers: M.·.W.·.Frank J. Thompson (1) M.·.W.·.John F. Selby (10) and W.·. Frank Reed (5).

GRAND MASTERS' APRONS.

Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) moved:

That within this year the Grand Secretary be authorized to carry out the provisions of the resolution passed in 1894 in that the Past Grand Masters still within this Grand Jurisdiction be presented with Past Grand Master Aprons.

On motion of M·.W·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made its Second Supplemental report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Providing Aprons for Past Grand Masters report as follows:

That the appropriation for Aprons for Past Grand Masters be not

allowed this year, as the finances of the Grand Lodge will not permit such an expenditure.

Fraternially submitted,
A. B. Taylor (1),
Robert B. Morrison (2),
Grant S. Hager (30),
D. M. Holmes (4),
W. L. Stockwell (11),
Committee.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

The Grand Master announced Appointive Officers, which will be found in list installed.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were installed M.·.W.·.Bro. Robert M. Carothers acting as installing officer;

ELECTED.

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APPOINTED.

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1) Fargo.

DONATION TO S. T. CONNICK.

M.·.W.·.Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the sum of $10 be given to Bro. S. T. Connick for his services as janitor during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

M.·.W.·.Bro. John F. Selby (10) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge is hereby returned to the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads for the reduction of the customary fare to those in attendance on this Grand Communication: that the Grand Lodge hereby recognizes the courtesy of the members of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo in the use of their hall and rooms, and for other courtesies extended to the members of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

NAMES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

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Foreign Correspondent.—M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1).

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GEORGE H. KEYES,
Grand Master.

Attest: Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

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GEORGE H. KEYES,
Grand Master.

Attest: Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

FRANK J. THOMPSON
GRAND SECRETARY

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CASSELTON LODGE, NO 3.

Henry O. Hawkins, Frank G. Tabor.

BISMARCK LODGE NO, 5.

A. E. Beal, Oscar V. Berry, George A. Chambers, W. E. Fraser.

SANBORN LODGE, NO. 14.

Nicholas Flagler, James H. McMillan, Louis E. Ressegger, John W. W. Shannon, Vernon J. Y. Shaw, Warren S. Wilson, John E. White.

WAHPETON LODGE, NO. 15.

Mathias Brakke, Andrew Blexrud, Frank Gray, Charles Kunch.

MACKEY LODGE, NO. 18.

John Colclough, James A. Dallas, Frank Guycott, John F. Holliday, Norman McLeod.

TONGUE RIVER LODGE.

Walter C. Lyons Archibald F. McBean, George H. McCabe, Frank C. Robeson, John Swenson.

BATHGATE LODGE, NO. 23.

Duncan A. Hamilton.

HOPE LODGE, NO. 29.

R. D. Almond, H. C. Blenkner, William H. Ellis, Theodore Gerndt.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 30.

Neil McQuarrie, Andrew E. Ostgaard, William J. Stinson.

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE NO. 31.

Fred Cox.

EXPELLED.

WILLOW CITY LODGE, NO. 47.

Charles O. Romansen.

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges April 30, 1898.

Number	NAME.	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Susp. N.P.D.	Expelled	Increase	Decrease	Membership	Dues and Fees Paid
1	Shiloh	15	11	8	3	1	1	4	10	--	12	15	233	$226 50
2	Pembina	5	4	2	1	--	2	2	--	--	3	4	69	62 75
3	Casselton	6	5	5	5	1	--	4	2	--	11	6	117	101 00
4	Acacia	3	6	3	7	2	1	2	--	--	12	3	134	115 50
5	Bismarck	5	5	4	2	--	--	--	4	--	6	4	57	61 75
6	Jamestown	8	5	4	4	2	--	1	--	--	10	1	114	108 25
7	Valley City	8	5	6	2	1	1	--	--	--	9	1	89	88 25
8	Mandan	5	5	5	3	1	1	2	--	--	9	3	51	55 25
9	Cereal	4	5	7	2	--	1	--	--	--	9	1	38	41 50
10	Hillsboro	7	9	10	1	--	1	4	--	--	11	5	97	98 25
11	Crescent	7	4	3	1	1	--	8	--	--	5	8	85	76 25
12	Sheyenne Valley	6	8	6	1	--	--	3	--	--	7	3	78	76 25
13	Ellendale	7	6	7	5	1	1	3	--	--	13	4	59	60 75
14	Sanborn	4	4	1	--	--	--	1	7	--	1	8	34	36 50
15	Wahpeton	5	3	2	1	1	--	--	4	--	4	4	58	53 50
16	North Star	5	6	6	2	--	2	3	--	--	8	5	62	60 00
17	Minto	1	4	5	1	--	--	1	--	--	6	1	44	43 00
18	Mackey	1	2	3	--	--	--	4	5	--	3	9	40	36 00
19	Goose River	5	2	1	--	--	1	2	--	--	1	3	34	31 75
20	Hiram	4	3	4	3	--	--	--	--	--	7	--	36	34 50
21	Minnewaukan	13	9	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	8	--	98	116 50
22	Tongue River	3	3	2	1	--	--	9	5	--	3	14	41	37 75
23	Bathgate	10	9	6	--	--	3	7	1	--	6	11	82	86 50
24	Euclid	3	2	2	1	--	--	1	--	--	3	1	39	39 25
25	Anchor	2	2	2	--	2	--	1	--	--	4	1	26	25 50
26	Golden Valley	10	10	11	3	--	1	3	--	--	14	4	87	95 75
27	Occidental	5	5	5	3	--	2	2	--	--	8	4	68	65 25
28	Forest River	5	7	5	--	--	--	4	--	--	5	4	54	55 75
29	Hope	9	7	8	2	--	--	3	4	--	10	7	44	58 25
30	Temple	5	4	5	2	--	2	1	3	--	7	6	54	59 50
31	Golden Fleece	11	10	10	--	--	--	4	1	--	10	5	48	62 50
32	Dickinson	6	8	8	1	--	--	3	--	--	9	3	89	84 75
33	Star in the West	7	4	4	--	--	--	1	--	--	4	1	48	50 25
34	Lebanon	14	10	7	1	--	--	4	--	--	8	4	82	91 75
35	Hamilton	2	2	2	1	--	1	1	--	--	3	2	36	33 00
36	St. Johns	4	3	3	1	--	--	1	--	--	4	1	38	39 00
37	Fairmount	3	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	29	26 00
38	Crystal	3	2	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	1	2	29	30 75
39	Mizpah	3	3	3	--	--	1	7	--	--	3	8	33	33 00
40	Cando	1	2	2	1	--	3	3	--	--	3	6	33	28 75
41	Maple River	11	8	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	27	37 50
42	Reynolds	7	6	4	1	--	--	3	--	--	5	3	22	40 50
43	Mouse River	1	2	2	1	--	--	2	--	--	3	2	35	30 75
44	Tuscan	1	1	1	1	--	--	1	--	--	2	1	18	17 50
45	Northern Light	6	5	3	--	--	--	1	--	--	3	1	36	44 00
46	Evergreen	16	17	17	2	--	--	1	--	--	19	1	51	95 75
47	Millow	7	4	5	1	--	--	1	--	1	6	2	28	44 00
48	Wilton	7	4	5	2	--	--	--		--	7	--	30	36 75
	Liberty U D	6	3	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	5	--	19	11 00
	Walhalla U D	8	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	21 00
	Totals			240	74	13	25	110	46	1	317	182	2871	$2966 00

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement.

Compiled From the Returns of May 1, 1898, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses of Worshipful Masters and Secretaries.

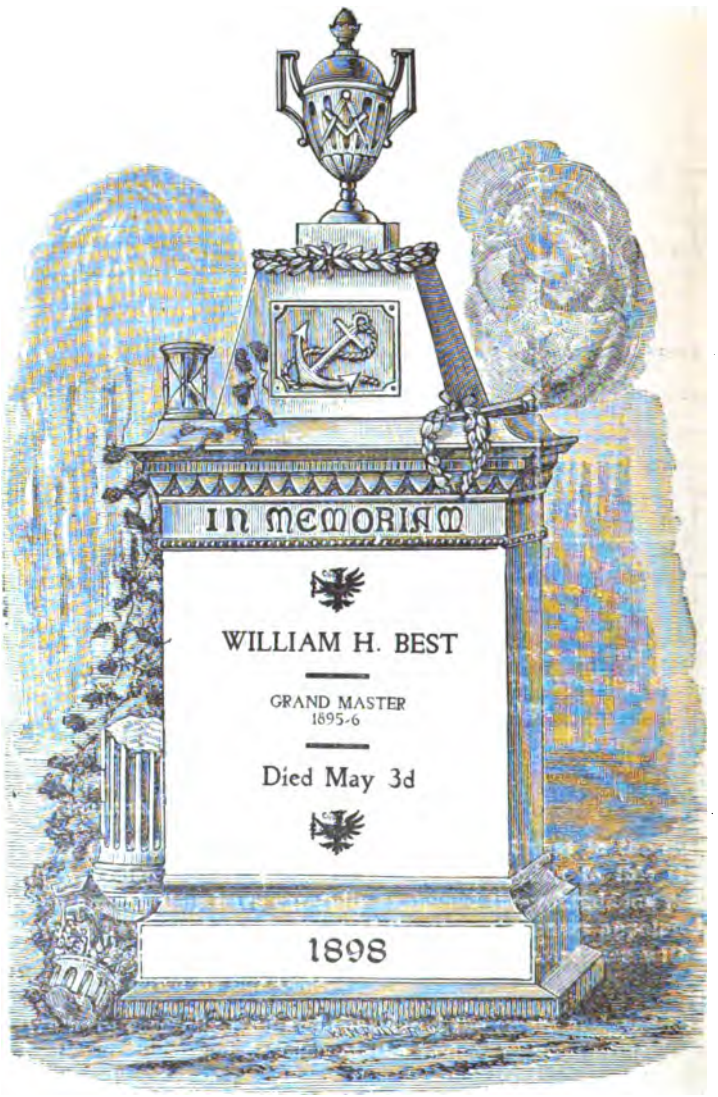
NO	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING
1	Shiloh	Thomas Kleinogel	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday of each month
2	Pembina	John D. Winlaw	Thomas R. Shaw	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
3	Casselton	Charles E. Stone	H. John Rowe	Casselton	Cass	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
4	Acacia	William Spriggs	Charles Allen	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
5	Bismarck	Frank Reed	John W. Dudley	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
6	Jamestown	Alfred Steel	Theodore F. Branch	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
7	Valley City	Hugh McDonald	Mart'n G. Cushing	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday of each month
8	Mandan	Lewis Hill	Clarence E. Allen	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
9	Cereal	Wallace W. Heffron	Charles W. Barrett	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
10	Hillsboro	John A. Cameron	William Barclay	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
11	Crescent	Walter L. Stockwell	Alexander Stensby	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
12	Sheyenne Valley	Thomas A. Boyden	Charles W. McBride	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
13	Ellendale	Warren E. Hicks	Edgar M. Bentley	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
14	Sanborn	William McKean	James W. Osborn	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
15	Wahpeton	John J. Hull	Walter Brown	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
16	North Star	O. H. Phillips	V. S. Wisner	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
17	Minto	John Miller	Peter McOuat	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
18	Mackey	Byron N. Stone	Wm. J. Robinson	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
19	Goose River	George A. White	H. H. McNair	Portland	Traill	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
20	Hiram	Joseph E. Garwood	Herbert S. Crothers	Page	Cass	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
21	Minnewaukan	Frank H. Prosser	Abram Astleford	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
22	Tongue River	Harry H. Wohlnick	L. W. Musselman	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
23	Bathgate	Herbert J. James	Duncan McKenzie	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
24	Euclid	William C. Hagler	H. B. Terwilliger	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
25	Anchor	Jay H. Maltby	Francis W. Vail	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturdays of each month
26	Golden Valley	W. Thomas Fallis	George W. Young	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
27	Occidental	Louis A. Jacobson	C. S. Moores	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
28	Forest River	John McDonald	Henry P. Reiton	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
29	Hope	Hally V. Hicks	George H. Fay	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
30	Temple	T. A. Thompson	Henry A. Thexton	St. Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
31	Golden Fleece	John W. Christian	Ray L. Hinebaugh	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
32	Dickinson	John Leask	Horace F. Hatch	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
33	Star in the West	Robert H. Gollay	Louis A. Larson	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
34	Lebanon	William F. Winter	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
35	Hamilton	Newton H. Murney	George McLean	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
36	St. Johns	W. G. Babnck	Robert B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
37	Fairmount	Myron J. Colly	Nels P. Nelson, Jr	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement—Continued.

No	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
38	Crystal	William S. Stinson	Henry S. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
39	Mizpah	Robert J. Mitchell	Sylvester S. Klyne	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
40	Cando	William Corduck	Elmer T. Judd	Cando	Towner	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
41	Maple River	Hiram H. Cornwell	John B. Kesler	Edgeley	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
42	Reynolds	James Halliday	M. V. Hostetter	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Mondays of each month
43	Mouse River	Hagen H. Thompson	Jorgen Christiansen	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3d Saturdays of each month
44	Tuscan	Mark Hawker	William R. McIntosh	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
45	Northern Light	John E. Johnson	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
46	Evergreen	Oliver D. Comstock	James Michels	Minnew'kan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
47	Willow	Thomas E. Fox	Frank Sims	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
48	Milton	A. W. Coats	Frank Briggs	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
49	Liberty	D. C. McColm	Victor C. Colby	Enderlin	Ransom	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
50	Walhalla	John D. Gordon	D. E. Ferguson	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Nelson
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmalee	Denver
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington
District Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wolfbin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5 N. Howard st
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	William R. Bowen	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville
Texas	John Watson	Houston
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Knykendall	Saratoga


IN MEMORIAM
WILLIAM H. BEST
GRAND MASTER
1895-6
Died May 3d
1898

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso
Cuba	Jose F. Pellon	Habana
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria
England	Edward Letchworth	London
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy	Dublin
Mexico	Felix Iglesias	Mexico
New Zealand	W. Ronaldson	Christchurch
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
Porto Rico	J. Alberto Nadal	Mayaguez
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburgh
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.
United G. D. L. Victoria	T. H. Lempriere	Melbourne

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson
Arkansas	J. S Westerfield	Conway
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
Canada	Jonn S. Denar	London, Ont
Colorado	Horace T. DeLong	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton
District of Columbia	William A. Gatley	Washington
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City
Georgia	B B. Patterson	Baxley
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraus
Idaho		
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St
Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	
Kansas	David V. Hoag	Minneapolis
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans
Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn
Manitoba	John H. D. Munsen	Winnipeg
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	A. B. Chase	
Minnesota	Henry B. Wells	Preston

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St
Montana	Edward D Neil, Jr	Helena
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hildreth	Manchester
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
New York	Oscar L. Eastman	Rondout
North Carolina	A P. Hyman	Tarboro
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshall	Bridgetown
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Henry E. Vaughan	Sydney
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Is	Ambrose L. Brown	Charlottetown
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrioch	Hull
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton st
South Carolina	J. F. C. DuPre	Fort Hill
South Dakota	William Blatt	Yankton
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide
Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell	
Tennessee	Ike T. Jobe	Johnson City
Texas	J. B. Moore	Cameron
Utah	Abram D. Gash	Provo City
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St. Johnsbury
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland
Victoria	William Pie	Melbourne
*Washington		
West Virginia	Michael Ensheiner	Wheeling
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett	Eau Claire
*Wyoming		

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF N. D.

GRAND LODGE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama		
Arizona	William H. Topping	Grand Forks
Arkansas		
British Columbia	Victor S. Stickney	Dickinson
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
California		
Canada	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City
Connecticut		
Cuba		

GRAND LODGE	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Delaware	T. C. Ransom	Grafton
District of Columbia	A.D. Flemington	Ellendale
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
England		
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Page
Greece		Grand Forks
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Casselton
Indiana		
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Lisbon.
Maine		
Manitoba	Roswell W. Knowlton	Fargo
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck
Mississippi	George L McGregor	Fort Totten
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope
Montana		
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale
Nevada	Walter L Williamson	Lisbon
New Brunswick	William T. Perkins	Bismarck
New Hampshire	James D. Trenholme	Bathgate
New Jersey		
New Mexico		
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck
New Zealand	David E. Morgan	Devil's Lake
New South Wales		
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	Draper A. Lindsey	Fargo
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Is'ld	George Taylor	Bathgate
Peru	John F Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J Thompson.	Fargo
South Australia	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Scotland		
Tennessee	James C. McKendry	Fargo
Texas		
Utah	Charles S. Stranahan	Park River
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia		
Victoria		
Washington	Fred D Aplin	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert LaDu	Lisbon
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
*Wyoming		

**Does not exchange Representatives.*

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS A PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Year.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. Dewitt	Calvin G Shaw	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robt. C. Hawkins	James B Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H Hand*	William H. Miller	Robt C Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk‡	John L. Turner	Charles F Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H Folk‡	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	do
1880	George H Hand*	Henry H Folk‡	Silas M Palmer	James S. Campbell†	Oscar S. Gifford	do
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O Ingallist	Thomas J. Wilder‡†	George W. Kingsbury	Merritt H. Day	do
1882	Oscar S Gifford	Isaac E. West†‡	John Davidson*†	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder†	do
1883	Oscar S Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R Graves	do
1884	John F Schrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler†	William B Cameron	do
1885	William Blatt	Henry M Wheeler†	John Q A Braden	Samuel Roy*	Charles E Boyden	do
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q A Braden	N. C. Whitfield	George W. Snow	do
1887	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q A Braden	N. C Whitfield	James W Cloes†‡	Edward G Benke	do
1888	John Q. A Braden	George V Ayers	James W Cloes‡†	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	do
1889	James W Cloes (7)	Frank J Thompson (1)	John F Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Chas. E Jackson (2)	David S. Dodds (24)
1890	Frank J Thompson (1)	John F Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick‡ (12)	Wm H. Gannon (13)	William A Bentley (5)	Thomas J. Wildor (3)‡
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm H Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs (8)	do
1892	Albert B Herrick‡ (12)	Wm. H Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo L McGregor (6)	William James (23)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo L McGregor (6)	Elliott C Crain (4)	William James (23)	George A. Luce (27)	do
1894	Geo L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C Crain (4)	Wm. James (23)	Wm H. Best* (3)	John J Freeman (32)	do
1895	William H. Best* (3)	Wm T. Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson (15)	do
1896	William T Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	George H Keyes (13)	John A Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	do
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo H. Keyes (13)	John A Percival (21)	Edwin H James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	do
1898	Geo. H Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James(30)	Theo. F Branch (6)	Clinton D Lord (26)	do

*Deceased. ‡Left the Jurisdiction. †With North Dakota.

IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE
OF OUR
Sister Jurisdictions
Who Have Gone Before
1898

In Memory

OF THE

Twenty-Five Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died during the Masonic Year ending April 30th, 1898

LODGE	NAME	DATE
Shiloh No. 1	George A. Clark	November 30th, 1897
Pembina No. 2	William Camp	September 14th, 1897
Pembina No. 2	William H. Moorhead	July 3d, 1897
Acacia No. 4	Allen C. Howe	December 17th, 1897
Valley City No. 7	James C. Drake	July, 1897
Mandan No. 8	Edward W. Read	November 16th, 1897
Cereal No. 9	William T. Richey	August 29th, 1897
Hillsboro No. 10	David Clunis	December 10th, 1897
Ellendale No. 13	Leonard W. Pike	May 29th, 1897
North Star No. 16	Jacob I. Evanson	September 2nd, 1897
North Star No. 16	Fred J. Tassel	December 7th, 1897
Goose River No. 19	Andrew Hanson	Unknown
Bathgate No. 23	John Grandy	April 18th, 1898
Bathgate No. 23	Emil T. Gorton	January 26th, 1898
Bathgate No. 23	Nathaniel B. James	May 19th, 1897
Golden Valley No. 26	Robert J. Young	January 29th, 1898
Occidental No. 27	John G. Brown	January 21st, 1898
Occidental No. 27	Lauritz Fisher	February 13th, 1898
Temple No. 30	John Ganssle	November 2nd 1897
Temple No. 30	John C Harvey	December 9th, 1897
Hamilton No. 35	Robert Thacker	March 17th, 1898
Mizpah No. 39	Alexander D. Walter	January 3d, 1898
Cando No. 40	Edward G. Hanson	June 11th, 1897
Cando No. 40	Henry L. Joiner	February 20th, 1898
Cando No. 40	John J. Reynolds	November 15th, 1897

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At the Ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of the State of North Dakota, held at the City of Fargo, beginning Tuesday, June 21st, 1898, the following officers were elected, appointed and installed for the ensuing year:

ELECTED.

George H Keyes (13),	M.·.W.·.Grand Master.....Ellendale
John A. Percival (21),	R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master..Devils Lake
Edwin H. James (30),	R. .W.·.Senior Grand Warden...St. Thomas
Theodore F. Branch (6),	R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden ...Jamestown
Clinton D. Lord (26),	R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer.....Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1)	R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary .....Fargo

APPOINTED

Daniel C. McColm (49)	W.·.Grand Chaplain..... ..Enderlin
Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W.·.Senior Grand Deacon ... .Lisbon
Walter L. Stockwell (11)	W.·.Junior Grand Deacon... .....Grafton
Louis B Hanna (20)	W.·.Senior Grand, Steward, ...Page
Emery S. Beardsley (5)	W.·.Junior Grand Steward, ...Bismarck
Thomas E. Fox (47)	W.·.Grand Marshal, ... Willow City
Louis A. Jacobson (27)	W.·.Grand Sword Bearer,.....Hope
Thomas Harrison (10)	W.·.Grand Pursuivant, ...Blanchard
John Scott (29)	W.·.Grand Lecturer..... .....Oakes
James Johnson (33)	W.·.Grand Tyler, ... Minot
*Thomas Kleinogel (1)	W.·.Deputy Grand Secretary, ...Fargo

*Appointed by R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

M.·.W.·.Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo

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TENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

Fargo, N. D., beginning Tuesday, June 20th, A.·.L.·.5899

FIRST DAY.

The Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota was opened in the Hall of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of North Dakota, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continued in said city until Wednesday, being the 20th and 21st days of June, A. D. 1899, A.·. L.·. 5899, commencing at High Twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

George H. Keyes (13) ....M.·. W.·. Grand Master.
John A. Percival (21) .. .. .. R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.
Edwin H. James (30) .. .. ..R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden.
Walter J. Lorshbough (1) as R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden.
Clinton D. Lord (26) ....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.
Frank J. Thompson (1) ....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.
Daniel C. McColm (49) ....W.·. Grand Chaplain.

Thomas L. Foulks (12) ....W∴ Senior Grand Deacon.
Frank H. Sprague (11) as .. .. ..W∴ Junior Grand Deacon.
James W. Foley (5) as.... ....W∴ Senior Grand Steward.
Emery S. Beardsley (5) .....W∴ Junior Grand Steward.
Thomas E. Fox (47) ....W∴Grand Marshal.
Louis A. Jacobson (27) ..... W∴ Grand Sword Bearer.
Thomas Harrison (10) ... .W∴ Grand Pursuivant.
John Scott (29) ....W∴ Grand Lecturer.
James Johnson (33) ....W∴ Grand Tyler.

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

INVITATION.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:—

That all resident and sojourning Masons in good standing be invited to attend the Communication of this Grand Lodge

Carried.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Annual Communication be dispensed with, and they be adopted and approved as appearing in the printed proceedings.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a committee of three be appointed on credentials.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee, W∴ John McDonald (28), W∴ Wallace Heffron (9), W∴ Carl Aurland, (33).

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

W∴ Bro. John Riessbeck (32) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference be appointed to whom shall be referred all reports of the Grand Officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master appointed as such Committee: W∴ Walter J. Lorshbough (1), W∴ Charles E. Stone (3), W∴ James H. Black (14).

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We find the following Grand, Past Grand Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Representatives from particular Lodges present, and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

George H. Keyes (13) ..... M∴ W∴ Grand Master.
John A. Percival (21) ..... R∴ W∴ Deputy Grand Master.
Edwin H. James (30) ..... R∴ W∴ Senior Grand Warden.
Clinton D. Lord (26) ..... R∴ W∴ Grand Treasurer.
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Thomas Harrison (10) ..... W∴ Grand Pursuivant.
John Scott (29) ..... W∴ Grand Lecturer.
James Johnson (33) ..... W∴ Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1) ..... P∴ G∴ M∴
John F. Selby (10) ..... P∴ G∴ M∴
James McDonald (11) ..... P∴ G∴ M∴
Robert M. Carothers (4) ..... P∴ G∴ M∴
George A. Luce (27) ..... P∴ G∴ Treasurer.
Don R. Davidson (15) ..... P∴ G∴ Treasurer.
Charles A. Harris (11) ..... P∴ G∴ Treasurer.
Evarts C. Stevens (43) ..... P∴ G∴ Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence:—M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1), M.·. W.·. James McDonald (11), M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4).

Finance:—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. Grant S. Hager (30) E. George Guthrie (3), W.·. David M. Holmes (4), W.·. Robert Morrison (2).

Grievances and Appeals:—W.·. Walter L. Williamson (25). W.·. James T. Blacklock (35), W.·. John McDonald (28), W.·. Halley V. Hicks (29), John Nelson (16).

Foreign Correspondence:— M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1).

And Representatives from the following Lodges:

Shiloh Lodge No. 1.....	Walter J. Lorshbough, W. M. William A. Scott, S. W. Herbert J. Gibson, J. W.
Pembina Lodge No. 2.....	Robert Morrison §
Casselton Lodge No. 3.... ...	Chas. E. Stone, W. M. Louis A. Taubert, S. W. § Douglas S. Smith, J. W.
Acacia Lodge No. 4...	William Spriggs, W. M., S. W. * Halfdan Bendeke, J. W.
Bismarck Lodge No. 5... ...	James W. Foley, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Jamestown Lodge No. 6... ...	Alfred Steel, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Valley City Lodge No. 7.... .	Not Represented.
Mandan Lodge No. 8..... ..	Anson Bartlett, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Cereal Lodge No. 9...	Wallace W. Heffron, W. M., S. W.* Charles W. Barrett, J. W. §
Hillsboro Lodge No. 10..... ..	Thomas Harrison, J. W., W. M.* John Selby, S. W.§
Crescent Lodge No. 11... ...	Frank H. Sprague, W. M., S. W.* Horace G. Sprague, J. W. §
Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12.	Thomas A. Boyden, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Ellendale Lodge No. 13... ...	Dennis W. Coleman, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Sanborn Lodge No. 14..	James H. Black, W. M., J. W.* C. Otto Langer, S. W.
Wahpeton Lodge No. 15.....	Frederick R. Barnes §
North Star Lodge No. 16... ...	Charles O. Piatt, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Minto Lodge No. 17...	Andrew P. Herom, W. M.§ John N. Bathgate, S. W., J. W.*
Mackey Lodge No. 18..... .	Not Represented.
Goose River Lodge No. 19...	Not Represented
Hiram Lodge No. 20...	Not Represented
Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21...	Charles W. Greene, W. M.,§ J. W.§ Stephen C. Jones, S. W.§
Tongue River Lodge No. 22..	James H. McHolland §

Bathgate Lodge No. 23... ...	Herbert J. James, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Euclid Lodge No. 24...	William C. Hagler, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Anchor Lodge No. 25...	Emanuel C. Harvey, J. W., W. M.,* S. W.*
Golden Valley Lodge No. 26.	Karl J. Farup, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Occidental Lodge No. 27... .	John A. Klovstad, W. M. Marion C. Pressley, S. W. § Edwin D. Washburn, J. W. §
Forest River Lodge No. 28...	W. James Glass, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Hope Lodge No. 29..	William Quinnel §
Temple Lodge No. 30..... .	Theodore A. Thompson, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 31..	Ray L. Himebaugh §
Dickinson Lodge No. 32..... .	John Riessbeck, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Star in the West Lodge No. 33	Carl Aurland, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Lebanon Lodge No. 34..	Wm. F. Winter, W. M., J. W.* John E. Truax, S. W.
Hamilton Lodge No. 35.....	George F. Erskine, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
St. Johns Lodge No. 36... ..	Emil C. Krueger, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Fairmount Lodge No. 37....	Charles A. Tuttle. §
Crystal Lodge No. 38..... ...	Charles K. Wing. §
Mizpah Lodge No. 39..... ...	Not Represented
Cando Lodge No. 40....	Not Represented
Maple River Lodge No. 41....	Not Represented
Reynolds Lodge No. 42.....	James Handay, W. M., S. W.* Benj. F. Lavalley, J. W. §
Mouse River Lodge No. 43...	Evarts C. Stevens, W. M., J. W.* Jorgen Christianson, S. W.. §
Tuscan Lodge No. 44...	Not Represented
Northern Light Lodge No. 45..	Marvin W. Buck, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Evergreen Lodge No. 46.....	Alvin A. Hall, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Willow Lodge No. 47..... ...	Donald A. Crites, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Milton Lodge No. 48...	Brynjolf Prom, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Liberty Lodge No. 49.....	Daniel C. McColm, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Walhalla Lodge No. 50..	Thos. J. Sharp, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Mt. Moriah Lodge U. D. ...	Not Represented
Fidelity Lodge U. D.	David Graham §
Harmony Lodge U. D.	John A. Black, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Welcome Lodge U. D.	Not Represented
Dacotah Lodge U. D.....	James M. Stewart, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*

*And Proxy for Master or Wardens.

§Not an officer, but representing Lodge, or proxy for Master or Wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Arkansas, William McKean (14).
Belgium, Leonard A. Rose (1).
Egypt, Leonard A. Rose (1).
Illinois, E. George Guthrie (3).
Kansas, John F. Selby (10).
Louisiana, Thomas L. Foulks (12).
Manitoba, Thomas Nisbet (4).
Michigan, Aurelius L. Wall (1).
Mississippi, George L. McGregor (6).
Missouri, George A. Luce (27).
Nevada, Walter L. Williamson (25).
New Brunswick, Louis A. Jacobson (27).
New Jersey, James Johnson (33).
New York, Sylvester J. Hill (1).
Ohio, Draper A. Lindsey (1).
Peru, John F. Selby (10).
South Dakota, Frank J. Thompson (1).
Tennessee, Grant S. Hager (30).
Utah, Edwin H. James (30).
Vermont, George H. Phelps (1).
Wisconsin, Evarts C. Stevens (43).

Fraternally Submitted,
JOHN McDONALD (28),
WALLACE W. HEFFRON (9),
CARL AURLAND (33),
Committee.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER, 1899.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George H. Keyes (13), Grand Master, then read his Annual Address.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Brethren: Life is made up of moments, and moments are made up of thoughts, and thoughts are born into acts, and acts into deeds, and thus along the highway of life we gather them up and drop them by the wayside. The weed, the flower, the fruit, the forest tree springs up in our wake and thus our life's records are left in perpetual memory, be they good, or bad, or indifferent. No one thing is all our life. Masonry, even to the most enthusiastic, is but a part, yet should that part be neglected, the whole cannot be as beautiful; for in Masonry we are taught ethics that must color all our acts and thoughts and deeds. The tremendous force which lies behind the mystic tie must perforce imprint itself, upon the civilization in which we live. It need not necessarily be

GEORGE H. KEYES

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done in the name of Freemasonry, but wheresoever or whensoever our acts and deeds have been laid beside our pathway the tinge of our precepts color and emblazen the scroll. Whether it be in church, in business, in public affairs, in social ways, ever pervading and ever active, it marks and stamps and prints and paints and stains the record of our life. We teach that these should not be of the mottled grey or the dull soiled color that glistens not in the rays of the sun; but that they should stand out clear and clean, and bright and brilliant that the world may see our good deeds, and reflect that the precepts of Freemasonry are not made of neutral colors, or inanity, or deceit, or false living; but are bright and beautiful and strong. We may not all be able to decorate large deeds or great thoughts, but each should take what nature has given unto him, and, with the best at hand, leave impressed thereon the noblest and brightest that is in him.

I greet you today, Brothers, in the spirit of Fraternity, and in the spirit of retrospection; for I feel the kindling warmth of that respect and friendship which emanated from and animated the breasts of those who elected me to the Grand East, and put into my hand the well-being of our Grand Lodge. The spirit of reminiscence, because I recall the many acts of courtesy and kindness which have been extended to me on every hand during the past year. The impressions which have come to me of the true significance of Fraternity have been among the most delightful sensations of life, and your friendship and respect have flooded my heart with recollections as soft and silvery as the rays of the harvest moon. As Grand Master, I greet you one and all, and sincerely trust that no discord shall mar our deliberations, or private pique or quarrel sound one discordant note in the session now at hand.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Before we take up the affairs of life, let us pause for a moment to recount the names of those of our eminent Brothers who have entered the Unseen Lodge.

M∴ W∴ Henry C. Cook, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas 1887, died at Kirksville, Mo., June 12th, 1898. At the time of his death he was cashier of the Bank of Vinita.

M∴ W∴ Palmer Job Pillans died at Mobile, Ala., June 22nd, 1898. Born January 30th, 1816, on Edisto Island, South Carolina. He was a lawyer by profession. Served in the Seminole war in Florida; held a commission as Captain in the Republic of Texas under the remarkable Sam Houston. During the Civil War he was Lieutenant Colonel of infantry in the Confederate Service. Served as Grand Master of Alabama 1875-77. For twenty years he wrote the Report on Correspondence for that Grand Lodge. Bro. Pillans was one of the great Masons of the South, and in his death one of the landmarks of Masonry have passed away.

R.·. W.·. John W. Widderfield, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, born March 10th, 1826, died at his home at Trinidad, Colorado, on the morning of July 4th, 1898, after a brief illiness. He had been an active member of that Grand Lodge for many years.

M.·. W.·. Wm. Francis Drinkard, Grand Master of Masons of Virginia 1886-88, died at his residence in Richmond on Monday, July 11th, 1898, in the 73rd year of his age. As the report says, he was "a Confederate soldier—an able and conscientious editor—a scholarly and upright Mason—a gentle, true-hearted, noble man has gone to his reward. In every relation of life he stood four square to every wind that blew." He was for many years Chairman of Foreign Correspondence for that Grand Lodge.

M.·. W.·. Wiliam A. McLean, born December 26th, 1832, died Monday, August 22nd, 1898. Grand Master 1878-80, Grand Secretary, 1892 of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Was an active member of the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Also Past Potentate of Morocco Temple of the Mystic Shrine; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter 1881-82, and Grand Secretary of the same from 1892 to the date of his death.

M.·. W.·. Henry Clay Tompkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama 1879-80. Born Sept. 14th, 1842, died in his law office in Montgomery on September 12th, 1898. He served three terms as Attorney General of the State of Alabama, and for many years was among the leading attorneys of his state.

R.·. W.·. A. E. Williams died in Pensacola, Florida, September 13th, 1898. He served as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Florida 1875. At the time of his death he was District Deputy Grand Master. Was known in that Grand Jurisdiction for his proficiency in ritualistic work.

R.·. W.·. Francis L. Childs, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado 1876, died at his home in Greely, September 27th, 1898, at the ripe age of seventy four years. He was born in Wilmington, Vermont, September 22nd 1824.

M.·. W.·. Oren Harrison Henry, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado 1875, died at his home in Denver, October 4th, 1898. Bro. Henry was born in Waterford, Vt., October 14th, 1842. He was one of the pioneers of Colorado, having moved to that state July 10th, 1860.

R.·. W.·. John Ridley Frizzell died October 6th 1898, at his country home in Tennessee. Bro. Frizzell was appointed Grand Secretary to fill the unexpired term of his lamented father, John Frizzell, who for more than a quarter of a century, was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

M.·. W.·. John Moses Price, Senior Past Grand Master of Masons of Kansas, died Wednesday, October 19th, 1898. He was one of the best

known attorneys in the state of Kansas, and was equally as prominent in political circles. In his death the Fraternity loses not only a good man but one of its most influential members.

M.·. W.·. Henry J. Stewart passed away on August 20th, 1898. Bro. Stewart was Grand Master in 1867 of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

M.·. W.·. Archaelaus M. Hughes in the 87th year of his age passed into the valley of the shadow of death October 27th, 1898. For more than sixty years, he had been a member of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and at three different times was elected its Grand Master. In civil life he served his district thirteen years as Attorney General, and four years as Circuit Judge. Under President Grant, he was United States District Attorney. He was the "Grand Old Man" in Masonry in the State of Tennessee, and in his death another landmark has been obliterated from the field of human life.

M.·. W.·. John R. Purdie in the sunset of a beautiful life passed away November 10th, 1898. Bro. Purdie was Grand Master of Masons of Virginia 1844-46, and at the time of his death was the oldest living Grand Master in Virginia. His father, John H. Purdie, also served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge 1819-21. Bro. Purdie was one of the eminent physicians of that state, and in his death this state loses one of its landmarks.

M.·. W.·. James A. Hawley, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, died December 30th, 1898. Bro. Hawley was born in Penfield, Monroe County, N. Y., August 20th, 1820. Bro. Hawley was widely known in the educational circles of that state, and was prominent in all of the masonic bodies, having served as Grand High Prest of the Grand Chapter in 1872, Grand Master of the Grand Council 1867, and Grand Commander K.·. T.·. 1873-74.

M.·. W.·. Robert C. Jordan, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, died at his home in Omaha, Monday, January 9th, 1899, at the age of seventy-four. At the time of his death he was the Inspector General of the Scottish Rite for the State of Nebraska, and was the oldest living Past Grand Master.

M.·. W.·. Lewis Johnstone, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, died in the 75th year of his age at his home in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, February first, 1899.

M.·. W.·. George Edward Wyman, Grand Master 1885 of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, died March 6th, 1899, at his home in Denver. Bro. Wyman was born in Alcester, England, January 4th, 1848. He was Grand Lecturer of that Grand Lodge for many years.

M.·. W.·. Charles C. Kiefer, Grand Master 1881 of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, died at his home in Urbana, March 12th, 1899. Bro. Kiefer was one of the great masons of that state, having served as presiding officer of all the Grand Masonic Bodies. Perhaps no other one man in that

Grand Jurisdiction ever received more masonic honors than he. At the time of his death was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, R.·. A.·. M.·.

M.·. W.·. George M. Stroud, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon 1881, died at Portland, Ore., Friday, April 14th, 1899. Bro. Stroud was born in Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Penn., of Quaker parentage, March 10th, 1827. He moved to Oregon in 1858, going to that state by the way of Panama. He was one of the original members of the Grand Lodge of that state, and during all of his life was a prominent and active member of the same.

M.·. W.·. Byron L. Carr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, 1879, died at Mineral Wells, Texas, April 22nd 1899, whither he had been to recuperate from a recent illness. Bro. Carr also served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Colorado, 1891. He was one of the leading attorneys of the state, and served two terms as Attorney General.

M.·. W.·. John H. VanHoose, in the 68th year of his age, was accidentally killed on the morning of May 4th, 1899, from the premature discharge of his gun while hunting. Bro. Van Hoose was Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, and one of the prominent masonic figures in that state.

R.·. W.·. William R. Bowen, the veteran Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, during a fit of mental aberation shot himself at his home in Omaha, May 6th, 1899. For the past quarter of a century, Bro. Bowen had been the Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of all the Masonic and Templar Bodies of that state. He was one of the Great Grand Secretaries of the Secretarial Guild of our Fraternity. The cause of his mental condition was due, doubtless, to worries over private financial matters and from the intense labors attached to the duties of his office, especially in the clerical work and minor details of which no one, not familiar with the duties of a Grand Secretary, is aware or can appreciate. Here let me add that the success and reputation of a Grand Lodge depends as much, if not more, upon the efficiency of its Grand Secretary than it does upon the annual sessions. It is too often the case that Grand Lodges, while demanding brains from their Grand Secretaries, make them perform too much of the manual toil which can be obtained readily by the employment of competent assistants. These latter are cheap and numerous, while a Brother who is competent to fill the office of Grand Secretary, and who will, for the salary that is paid, devote his life to the service of the Craft is hard to find.

THOMAS J. WILDER.

From our roster of Present Grand Officers none have been summoned to the Great Beyond; but from our list of Past Grand Officers, we are

called upon to mourn the departure of R.·. W.·. Thomas J. Wilder, who passed away October 25th, 1898, at Spokane, Wash., aged 62 years. Bro. Wilder was elected Grand Senior Warden of the Territorial Grand Lodge of Dakota 1881. In 1882 he was elected its Grand Treasurer. In 1889 he was elected Grand Secretary of our present Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and served as such for two terms.

At the organization of the Grand Chapter R. A. M. of Dakota Territory, 1885, he was elected Grand Secretary and held that office until his resignation in 1893, just prior to his removal to Cheney, Washington.

Bro. Wilder for many years was closely identified with Grand Lodge matters, and for several years wrote the Report on Foreign Correspondence in the Grand Lodge. It was the pleasure of this Grand Lodge to have him with us at our last annual session. In his death, our Grand Lodge has lost a faithful friend and a sincere advocate of the tenets of our profession.

FRANK A. BRIGGS.

R.·. W.·. Frank A. Briggs passed away at his home in Bismarck, August 9th, 1898. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge 1891-92. At the time of his death he was Governor of this state. In the Death of Bro. Briggs, the state has lost a valued citizen, the Fraternity an eminent Brother, and the world a good man.

Bro. Briggs was one of the pioneer settlers of the "Missouri Slope." He moved to Mandan, North Dakota, eighteen or nineteen years ago, and soon afterwards became the Treasurer of Morton County, being elected to succeed himself until 1895 when he assumed the duties of State Treasurer, and was elected Governor of the State in the Fall of 1896, assuming that office in 1897.

Bro. Briggs was Raised in Mandan Lodge, July 6th, 1888; Exalted in Missouri Chapter No. 1, at Bismarck, and Knighted in Tancred Commandery of the same place. He was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

It had been my pleasure to know Bro. Briggs intimately for a number of years, and, as a member of the Railroad Commission during his term of office, we were thrown much together, and I learned to know more of those qualities which endeared him to the people and drew him close to his friends. It was my privilege as one of the state officers and as your Grand Master, to accompany his remains to Howard Lake, Minn., the home of his parents. Among those who accompanied the same were Geo. H. Phelps, his Private Secretary, and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota; Lieutenant Governor Joseph M. Devine, Frederick B. Fancher, then Commissioner of Insurance and now Governor of this state; George E. Nichols, State Treasurer; Fred Falley, Secretary of State, all of whom were personal friends of the deceased and Brothers of the Mystic Tie.

Bro. Briggs, at the time of his death, was but forty years old, having been born in Minneapolis, Minn., September 16th, 1858. His early occupation was that of a printer.

Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs, his wife, who now survives him is an honored member of our sister fraternity, the Order of the Eastern Star, and served as the Grand Secretary of that Grand Chapter until the declining health of her late husband forced her to refuse re-election.

AMONG PARTICULAR LODGES.

While the dread Reaper has been harvesting among our sister Grand Jurisdictions, in his grim silence, he has come among us and taken from our midst twenty-three members of particular Lodges, and eighteen of our Lodges have thus, during the past year, added names upon the scroll of death. This number is large in the aggregate yet when we consider our membership, now about three thousand, the death loss is small. Still twenty-three homes have been desolated, and even though it were but one, the sorrow that lingers around the remains of the departed spirit is solemn thought for all.

DECISIONS.

But few questions have been referred to me for decisions that have not been fully covered by former approved decisions. For your consideration, I submit the following:

Question 1.—A member of a lodge is arrested, tried and found guilty of petit larceny before a Justice of the Peace. The Brother appeals the case to the District Court. During the pendancy of the appeal, it being reported that the Brother will apply for a dimit, it asks to be instructed as to the proper course should the request for dimit be made.

Answer:—Lodge must grant dimit. A Master Mason in good standing, whose dues are paid and who is under no charge is entitled to a dimit. (See Approved Decisions of Grand Lodge of North Dakota, pg. 75). If you know or believe that this Brother is guilty of unmasonic conduct, it is clearly your duty to prefer charges against him, and to ascertain by due trial whether or not he is guilty. Until charges are preferred he must be regarded as in good standing.

Question 2.—The Lodge at "A" receives, elects and confers upon a candidate the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees of the material belonging to the Lodge at "B." The Lodge at "B" complains of the invasion of jurisdiction by the Lodge at "A," and requests that I take proper action therein.

The Lodge at "B" acknowledged the invasion and asked instructions. They say: "We have conferred the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees on a candidate who lives about one-half mile closer to "A" than to "B," and, consequently, outside of our jurisdiction." Also that "B"

Lodge has been notified by "A" Lodge to transfer candidate to them." Also that, "as said candidate desires to retain membership in "B" Lodge can we remit initiation fees to "A" Lodge and proceed to confer Master Mason degree?"

"Can a Fellow Craft dimit and join another Lodge?"

Answer.—"B" Lodge invaded the jurisdiction of the Lodge at "A," and the candidate *was* and is *now* the material of the Lodge at "A." Lodge at "B" has no right to proceed to confer upon the candidate the Master Mason degree, nor to retain the fees collected for conferring the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees, but should remit to Lodge at "A" all fees collected and relinquish all further claims to the candidate. The candidate's desire to become a member of Lodge at "B" cannot be considered at this time. Lodge at "A" is the aggrieved party and its demands must be satisfied.

A Fellow Craft cannot dimit and join another Lodge. This candidate as a Fellow Craft within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at "A" and whose material he is, can apply to the Lodge at "A" for advancement, and, on receiving the Master Mason degree, would become a member of the Lodge at "A."

The Lodge at "A" asks the following questions relative to the status of the candidate:

A Brother living under the jurisdiction of your Lodge was elected and received the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees in "B" Lodge. The matter having been brought to my attention officially, I directed "B" Lodge to turn over to your Lodge all fees collected, and that the candidate should also be turned over to your Lodge to receive the degree of Master Mason and become a member of your Lodge.

I did not specify that as a prerequisite to the conferring of the degree of Master Mason upon the Brother his becoming a member of your Lodge depended upon favorable action on that proposition of your Lodge, as these matters are clearly regulated by the Laws of our Grand Lodge.

Your enquiry does not embody the fact whether there was any formal ballot upon these propositions or not.

I quote your questions and replies as follows:

Qestion 1.—Does the brother at once become a member of the Lodge at "A" by virtue of your order?

Answer.—No. My order (decision) simply transferred the Brother to the jurisdiction of your Lodge. The rest lay at the discretion of the members of your Lodge.

Question 2.—If not must he make application for membership in the ordinary way?

Question 3.—Does he continue a member of "B" Lodge (having been

elected there) until he makes application and is elected to membership elsewhere?

Question 4.—In our annual report to the Grand Lodge, shall we report him as having received only the Master Mason degree in "A" Lodge, or do we appropriate the entire record as furnished us by "B" Lodge and embody that in our report?

Answer.—I cannot answer the last three of your inquiries categorically as I infer from your questions that no formal electon of the Brother was had prior to the conferring upon him the degree of Master Mason.

The Brother living but about a half mile nearer "A" Lodge than "B" Lodge may be reasonably considered guiltless of any attempt to impose upon the Craft. "B" Lodge also may have been deceived as to the jurisdiction over the Brother. No one appears to be to blame. The Brother having complied with all the regulations is entitled to consideration, and is entitled to membership somewhere without action after he has received all the degrees.

The law in this Grand Jurisdiction is that the conferring of the degree of Master Mason upon a Brother over whom the Lodge so conferring has jurisdictional rights makes him a member of that Lodge, without any other qualifications or restrictions, such as signing By-Laws, etc.

I hold that if your Lodge did not formerly elect the Brother at or before the time it conferred upon him the degree of Master Mason, the very fact that it did so confer the degree, knowing all the circumstances of the case, and the fact that he was sent to your Lodge through its demanding its jurisdictional rights, and no protest being made, he became a member of your Lodge the moment he was pronounced a Master Mason, and entitled to all the rights and benefits of the same.

Your annual returns to the Grand Lodge should embody the dates of receiving of petition ,election, dates of receiving the several degrees, and under "Remarks" explain the facts of where the petition was received and the several degrees were conferred and how received.

Question 3.—You say: "Your Lodge is having a dispute with a Minnesota Lodge over a matter of Jurisdiction," and that you initiated and Passed a candidate who lives in Minnesota and within the Jurisdiction of "A" lodge, though living seven miles nearer to your Lodge than to "A" Lodge. You also state that your Lodge did not intentionally violate any masonic law existing between the two states in regard to jurisdiction, and cite my attention to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge 1897, regarding reciprocity with Minnesota, permitting candidates living nearer to a Lodge in Minnesota than to a Lodge in North Dakota to apply to the nearest Lodge and become a member thereof; provided that this section shall not be in force or of any effect until the Grand Lodge of Minnesota shall adopt a comity By-Law reciprocating in allowing its residents

residing nearer Lodges of the State of North Dakota than its own, to become members of Lodges in North Dakota.

Answer.—I have no information that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota ever adopted a comity By-Law, hence your Lodge had no authority to receive the petition of a candidate who resided in the State of Minnesota. Your Lodge should remit the fees collected from candidate to "A" Lodge, and relinquish all further claims to the material.

Question 4.—Brother "A" is charged with un-masonic conduct in that he is in arrears for dues. At the trial the accused did not appear. The Secretary's books were produced, and from them it was regularly shown that Brother "A" was in arrears in the sum of $9. No testimony was put in on the part of the defense. On the ballot being taken as to whether the Brother was guilty or not guilty of N. P. D., seven were in the affirmative and six in the negative.

Under our law (See page 57, also Sec. 46, page 37 of Masonic Code) two-thirds of all votes cast being required to find the accused guilty. The verdict given by Lodge was that the accused was not guilty of being in arrears for dues.

You further ask if an appeal will lie to the Grand Master from the action of the Lodge.

Answer.—No, an appeal does not lie to the Grand Master, but to the Grand Lodge.

Presuming that you desire to know whether an appeal will lie to the Grand Lodge from an action of the Lodge, I will call your attention to Sec. I, Chap. VII, pg 59, Masonic Code: "Every Mason under sentence of suspension or expulsion has the right to appeal from the sentence to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota."

I cannot find that our Code gives the right to a Lodge to appeal from its own decision. My predecessor, M.·.W.·. Robert M. Carothers, who is not only learned in the law of our land but in Masonic Jurisprudence, decided that: "Proceedings against a Brother are criminal in their nature. The Lodge is both Judge and Jury, and its findings in favor of the accused are final. No appeal on the part of the accusers will lie, nor can a new trial be granted." (Pro. 1898, pg. 269, Ques. 3.)

This decision was approved by the Grand Lodge. Therefore, under our Code and the decision just referred to, I must decide that your Lodge has no right to appeal, and no new trial can be granted. The Brother has been declared guiltless of owing any dues to the Lodge, and, therefore, should have a receipt in full for the same.

You further ask, supposing a Lodge to consist of twenty members, eight of them should refuse or neglect to pay dues, and by all standing together, need neither pay nor be suspended, and I can see no redress for the Lodge.

This is a hypothetical question, and, while not bound to answer supposable cases, I feel in justice to your Lodge an expression is due, and would say that if the eight Brethren should stand together no dues could be collected, I presume, however, that if such should be the case, and the facts were reported to the Grand Lodge, the Charter of such a Lodge would be in jeopardy.

BRETHREN AT CARRINGTON.

A number of members of the defunct Lodge at Carrington, North Dakota, have evinced a desire to form a new Lodge at that place. The records of the Grand Secretary's office show that a number of the members of old Carrington Lodge were considerably in arrears for dues at the time its Charter was arrested. The Grand Secretary asked whether he should insist upon the full paymnt of the arrearages of each Brother of Carrington Lodge before issuing his Certificate of Good Standing. Believing that the formation of a new Lodge at Carrington would be of greater benefit to Masonry than a full measure of payment in each individual case, I recommended that $4. should be the maximum amount to be demanded.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

On the 14th day of December, next, what is known as the "Washington Centennial Celebration" will occur at Mt. Vernon, District of Columbia, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. We are asked to contribute financially to this celebration and to send representatives. It is an object which should, and, doubtless does, receive a hearty response from all the Grand Lodges of the country.

Believing that this Grand Lodge will accept the almost unprecedented offer of the Scottish Rite Trustees to make a permanent home for our Grand Lodge Library, upon which so much money and time has been expended, and the offices of the Grand Secretary, which are now altogether too small, it will be found necessary to make some expenditures in fitting up the same. Under these conditions it hardly seems practicable to contribute financially, and if we cannot contribute to help the business end it would appear hardly proper to choose delegates to take honors from an enterprise which we have been unable to support, yet the matter is in your hands and I make no special recommendations.

CORNER STONES.

For the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge it has performed the functions of laying two corner stones of public buildings during the year; namely,

On June 7th, 1899, I convened a special session of the Grand Lodge

and laid the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Fargo, with the following officers:

George H. Keyes (13), Grand Master.
John A. Percival (21), Deputy Grand Master.
Edwin H. James (30), Senior Grand Warden.
Walter J. Lorshbough (1) as Junior Grand Warden.
John F. Selby (10) as Grand Treasurer.
Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary.
Daniel C. McColm (49), Grand Chaplain.
Louis B. Hanna (20) as Senior Grand Deacon.
Thomas Harrison (10) as Junior Grand Deacon.
Chas. Allen (4) as Senior Grand Steward.
Frank D. Hall (1) as Junior Grand Steward.
Thomas Kleinogel (1) as Grand Marshal.
Louis A. Jacobson (27), Grand Sword Bearer.
Grant S. Hager (30) as Grand Pursuivant.
B. F. Spaulding (1) as Grand Lecturer.
James Johnson (33), Grand Tyler.

On June 14th, 1899, at a special session of this Grand Lodge, the corner stone was laid of "The State Industrial School and School for Manual Training," at Ellendale, North Dakota, with following officers:

George H. Keyes (13), Grand Master.
John H. Worst (5) as Deputy Grand Master
John Scott (29) as Senior Grand Warden.
Edwin M. Bentley (13) as Junior Grand Warden.
Chas. H. Sturgeon (41) as Grand Treasurer.
Warren E. Hicks (13) as Grand Secretary.
Rev. Dr. Swickert as Grand Chaplain.
Emanuel Steineau (13) as Senior Grand Deacon.
Halley V. Hicks (29) as Junior Grand Deacon
W. H. Gannon (13) as Senior Grand Steward.
Hiram H. Cornwell (41) as Junior Grand Steward
F. B. Gannon (13) as Grand Marshal.
John Kennedy (29) as Grand Sword Bearer.
H. S. Rusco (13) as Grand Pursuivant.
Thomas Sefton (13) as Grand Tyler.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year I have granted a number of Dispensations to con for degrees in less than the statutory time but always on condition that the candidate should pass a satisfactory examination in open Lodge on the lecture of the preceding degree. Several requests to confer degrees in less than the statutory period were refused as the reasons given for the requests did not seem to be sufficient for granting the same .

In two instances I have granted Dispensations to hold Annual Election of Officers after the lapse of the statutory period, in each case no quorum being present on the annual meeting for the election of officers.

Three Dispensations were granted to Lodges to install officers after the 27th of December.

March 21st I issued Dispensation authorizing Welcome Lodge U. D. to ballot on petitions of candidates without waiting the statutory time, and also Dispensation to Dacotah Lodge U. D. to receive and ballot on one petition in less than the statutory time.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, Charters were granted to Liberty Lodge No. 49, at Enderlin, and to Walhalla Lodge No. 50, at Walhalla. Acting under our commission, R.·. W.·. Grand Junior Warden, Theodore F. Branch (6), on August 18th, 1898, proceeded to Enderlin and duly constituted Liberty Lodge No. 49 and installed its officers.

On August 13th, 1898, R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Edwin .H James (30), proceeded to Walhalla and performed for me the same duty. His report is as follows:

"St. Thomas, N. D., Sept. 1, 1898.

George H. Keyes,
M.·. W.·. Grand Master,
A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
Ellendale, N. D.

M.·. W.·. Sir & Bro:—

I hereby respectfully submit my report as your acting deputy in the constitution of Walhalla Lodge No. 50, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.

According to your instructions I visited Walhalla, Saturday, August 13th, 1898, and, by the power in me vested, constituted Walhalla Lodge No. 50 A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. in regular form, installed its officers and presented the Worshipful Master with the Charter of the Lodge.

I was ably assisted in these ceremonies by some Brethren from Bathgate and Pembina Lodges.

The records of the Lodge were carefully examined and found in proper order.

Walhalla Lodge No. 50 starts out at time of constitution with twenty-two members, and had nine petitions for initiation. Its officers are intelligent and an enthusiastic set of Masons. A brilliant future is predicted for this new Lodge, and I feel satisfied that it will develop into one of the strongest in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally Submitted,
Edwin H. James, Sr. Gr. Warden,
Act. Dep. G. M."

NEW LODGES.

Five Dispensations have been issued for regular Lodges as follows:

February 6th, 1899, for the formation of a new Lodge at Williston, to be known as Mount Moriah Lodge U. D.

February 9th, 1899, for a new Lodge at Drayton, to be known as Fidelity Lodge U. D.

February 18th, 1899, for a Lodge at Lidgerwood, Richland County, to be known as Harmony Lodge U. D.

March 6th, 1899, for a new Lodge at Churches Ferry, to be known as Welcome Lodge U. D.

May 8th, 1899, for a new Lodge at Mayville, to be known as Dacotah Lodge U. D.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with our statutes, I have issued a number of Commissions to well recommended Brothers to represent our Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence. The names of these Brothers will appear in the Grand Secretary's compilation of Grand Representatives.

PROPOSITION FROM SCOTTISH RITE BODIES.

At the last meeting of this Grand Lodge, the Trustees of the Scottish Rite Bodies of North Dakota made a proposition to the Grand Lodge, stating that they proposed in the near future to erect a Masonic Temple in the City of Fargo, and magnanimously offered to the Grand Lodge the free use, for a period of twenty years, or longer, of space in the basement for Grand Secretary offices and Library rooms, etc., these rooms to be heated without cost to the Grand Lodge, but to be finished and furnished by the Grand Lodge.

A committee was appointed and have the matter under consideration, who will doubtless, report to you their recommendation at this meeting. This is a matter of great importance to this Grand Body and should be carefully considered.

CONCLUSION.

One year ago today you bestowed upon me the highest honor within your gift, and in accepting the responsibilities of the office I did so with many misgivings as to my ability to acceptably perform its many and varied duties. Mistakes, I have undoubtedly made, but, my Brethren, they are not of the heart. Before the close of this Grand Communication, I shall return to you the emblem of authority, trusting and believing that it will be given into the hands of one more able than myself.

I wish to return my sincere thanks to all of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction for their kindly words and assistance during the past year. I especially, at this time, desire to acknowledge my obligations to our efficient Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, for his many acts of kindness and assistance, the remembrance of which can only be blotted out when life shall cease.

Fraternally Submitted,
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Park River, N. Dak., June 17th, 1899.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer has the honor to submit the report of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the past fiscal year.

RECEIPTS.

1898.	
June 23rd. Received from E. C. Stevens, Grand Treasurer	$2464.13
Sept. 21st, Received from Grand Secretary	60.00
Dec. 20th, Received from Grand Secretary	40.50
1899.	
Jan. 4th, Received from Grand Secretary	87.75
Feb. 7th, Received from Grand Secretary	99.00
Feb. 21st, Received from Grand Secretary	60.00
Apl. 27th, Received from Grand Secretary	122.25
May 6th, Received from Grand Secretary	3.00
May 9th, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 13th, Received from Grand Secretary	71.22
Mar. 9th, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 19th, Received from Grand Secretary	3249.25
Total	$6297.10

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898	
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 36	$ 10.00
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 37	57.09
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 38	100.00
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 39	100.00
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 40	250.00
July 21st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 41	250.00
Sept. 30th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 42	218.75
Sept. 30th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 43	100.00

Oct. 20th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 44	100.00
Nov. 10th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 45	75.00
Dec. 7th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 46	145.84
Dec. 13th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 47	360.00
Dec. 13th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 48	200.00
1899.	
Jan. 19th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 50	202.50
Jan. 31st, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 49	72.92
Feb. 7th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 51	72.92
Mch. 6th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 52	50.00
Mch. 10th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 53	37.00
Mch. 10th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 54	50.00
Mch. 29th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 55	145.84
May 19th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 56	72.92
June 9th, Paid Grand Lodge Order No. 57	72.92
June 19th, Balance Cash on hand	3553.40
Total	$6297.10

Fraternally Submitted,
CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then submitted his report:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

As your Grand Secretary, I take pleasure in herewith submitting my Seventh Annual Report.

PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the last Grand Annual Communication were somewhat delayed in publication, but, perhaps, as a compensation for the delay, they were printed at a lower rate than we have heretofore obtained.

RETURNS.

It is with considerable gratification that I can report that all Returns and money for Dues and Fees of the Chartered Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction were in my hands within the time limit, namely: May 15th, except two or three returns which came in a day or two afterwards, but as the envelopes bore the post mark of May 15th, I dated the reception of the returns as of the day of sending. This showing is so much better than we have heretofore had, and, consequently, has facilitated my work in

adjusting accounts that I wish to extend my thanks to all of the Secretaries of the several Lodges within our state. Of course there was a great amount of correspondence connected with the Returns in the way of corrections, etc., but am pleased to state that everything has been straightened out and the Returns in good shape.

From the data furnished by the Annual Returns I find our present membership to be 3169 as against 2871 last year, an increase of 298 as compared with the membership of 1898. It may be surprising to most of you to learn that the result of the final checking up of the membership of the various Lodges from our Register System shows that last year the various Lodges in the aggregate reported 75 more members than they had. and that our real net increase during the year has been 223 instead of 298 as shown by the total membership of last year and that of this. This is one of the results obtaining from our work upon the Grand Lodge Membership Register.

I find that 337 were Raised. an increase of 107 over last year.

The Dues and Fees for the present year amount to $3249.25 as against $2979 last year, an increase of $270.25.

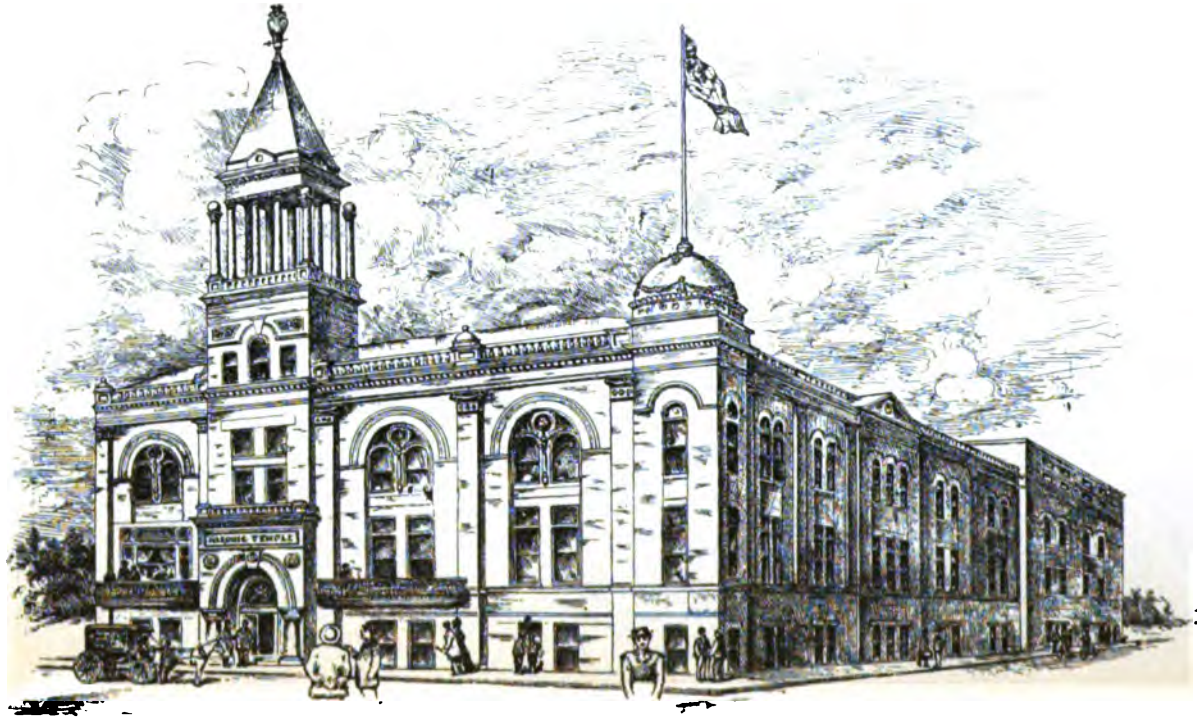
During the year five new Lodges have been established. These facts show that Masonry in North Dakota is having a steady and healthy growth. Our increase is not so large as to indicate a fevered or unhealthy temporary condition, but a condition which is solid and substantial and more gratifying to the Craft than a growth which would not stand the ravages of time and a change of conditions.

GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

Agreeably to the action of the previous Grand Lodge, I purchased the Card Trays, in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery, for the use of the particular Lodges. $202.50 of the expenditures were for the purchase of these Card Trays. They are all on hand and, inasmuch as the Lodges are to pay for the same, they may be considered as available assets of this Grand Lodge.

During the year the transcription of the cards for the particular lodges has been made and the index books have been completed up to and including the work of 1897. More work has been connected with the final finishing than was expected, and the time coming so close to the session of the Grand Lodge, I deemed it advisable not to endeavor to send out the trays and cards until after this annual session. By so delaying, I could incorporate the change in membership as indicated by our latest returns and bring the several particular rosters down to a more recent date.

4532 cards have been transcribed during the year, and you may, perhaps, get a better idea of the work involved when I tell you that before a membership card is fully completed and ready for delivery to the particular Lodge it must be handled fourteen times. This does not include



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the work done in transcribing to the index. The index books now consist of sheets upon which the names of the members of the given Lodge are written with typewriter, and as soon as the entries of the last returns are transcribed to them they will be bound in book form.

It is the intention of the system after each Grand Lodge to make up for each Lodge new cards for the new members, properly numbered, and send to each Secretary. In this way the Lodges are bound to have their records complete and in uniform shape as would not be the case were the work left entirely to the local Secretaries.

At the time I started the Registry System of our members, I could not find that there was any activity in this particular field. I have reported each year quite fully the work done and a general explanation of the system, and for some reason, whether incidentally or not, the idea of using the Card System for membership records has become quite prevalent, not only for Grand Masonic Bodies but for other fraternal societies. In fact so universal has it become that one firm of card makers sent me samples with the startling news that they would furnish me with information as to how it should be done. Of course, it is gratifying to know that at least "great minds" have been running in the same channel.

The cards used for Subordinate Lodges have all been transcribed by typewriter, and the records are upon the card known as 33V, the heaviest card made by the Library Bureau, and I presume I have the only typewriter in the world that will do the work of transcribing upon so heavy a card. I find some of the sample cards sent me for this work are much lighter than those used by this Grand Lodge. These light cards are very inconvenient to handle, and would prove more or less of a disappointment to those who use any card less in thickness than that which this Grand Lodge adopted.

Some rather interesting information has been elicited in the work connected with the Membership Register and information obtained that might otherwise have passed unnoticed.

I find that Hon. Bro. John E. Haggart, of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo, was the first Master Mason to be Raised in North Dakota. He was Raised February 11th, 1873.

Out of the nearly 5,000 Masons who have been members of Lodges located within this state, I find two only were born in North Dakota; namely, Stanley R. Moorhead, born in Pembina, January 11th, 1873. He was raised February 8th, 1895, in Pembina Lodge No. 2. The other is George E. Strout, born in Fargo, December 23rd, 1873, Raised in Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12, at Lisbon, March 3rd, 1896.

Bismarck Lodge No. 5 had the greatest number of Charter Members of any Lodge in the state, the number being 22. The Lodges having the next largest number of Charter Members are Shiloh No. 1, Fargo, and Star in the West No. 33, at Minot, each having 20.

Our records do not show a single person whose given name begins with "X" or "Y." I find only four whose given names begin with "Z;" namely, a Zachariah, a Zimrie, a Zalmon and a Zeth; and only two beginning with "U;" namely, Ulisses and one Ursulus.

The "J's" lead in the given names with "E" following second.

I might also state that there are only two lodges whose records are absolutely complete. They are St. Johns No. 36 at Forest River and Mouse River No. 43 at Towner. Maple River Lodge No. 41 is all complete except history for rejections. These Lodges are comparatively new. It will be impossible to complete the information in all details of many of the Lodges; for among the older ones members have gone away, no one knowing where they are, and in some instances, among the older Lodges, not more than two or three of the members even recollect these Brothers.

LIBRARY.

The following are the accessions to our Grand Lodge Library during the past year. The list does not include proceedings of masonic or other fraternal bodies.

Poems—by Fay Hempstead.

Scribner's Popular History of the United States—5 Vols.

Journals of the Ex Libris Society (magazines)—Donated by Fred Webber.

History of Fort Sumter.

Agriculture of Maine—(donation).

Masonry in Michigan—2 Vols.

Washington Commandery Centennial 1796-1896—(donation).

History of Freemasonry in Kentucky—(donation).

Cyclopedia of Fraternities.

History of Templar Masonry in Texas—(donation).

Jewels of Masonic Oratory—(donation).

History of Masonry in Maryland—4 Vols.

Virginia Text Book—(donation)

Constitution, Regulations, etc., G. L. Rhode Island—(donation).

Young's History of Names.

Sex Worship.

Century Dictionary—10 Vols.

Character Sketches—4 Vols.

Gould's History of Freemasonry (donated by Mrs. R. W. Knowlton. Many of you will recollect Bro. R. W. Knowlton, who was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Dakota in 1893, and who died at his home in Fargo, January 6th, 1899, of apoplexy.)

Through courtesy the Grand Lodge Library is in receipt of the following publications:

American Tyler, Detroit, Mich.
Australasian Keystone, Melbourne, Australia.
Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind.
Kansas Freemason, Wichita.
Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind.
Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo.
Masonic Review, Cincinnatti, O.
Masonic Journal, Portland, Me.
Masonic Token. Portland, Me.
Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O.
Masonic Standard, New York.
Square and Compass, New Orleans, La.
Sprig of Acacia, Burns, Ore.
The Orient, Kansas City, Mo.
The Pacific Mason, Seattle, Wash.
Texas Freemason, San Antonio, Texas.
The Trestle Board, San Francisco Cal.
The Signet, Hot Springs, So. Dak.
Voice of Masonry, Chicago, Ill.

The work on the Grand Lodge Library has been unsatisfactory to me, not that it has particularly lessened, but because every available space that is accessible has been utilized to store books and consequently our accessions and other books do not show to good advantage.

You will receive a propositon from the Scottish Rite Bodies of this city for Library room, which is, in fact, a fire proof vault, together with quarters for the Grand Secretary's office, which I can honestly say is one of the most generous offers that has eve· been tendered to a Masonic Grand Lodge, and I have kept close track of these matters for a good many years. You all know that one of my hobbies has been the gathering together of a practical Masonic Library, and that we have been handicapped in the lack of adequate quarters for the same. The opportunity is now at hand whereby the labor of the past years and the money expended can be assembled in elegant quarters and surrounded by walls that will be fire proof against the most severe conflagration, and I sincerely trust that you all, because each of you form a part of the Grand Lodge, will accept the offer with the generous and fraternal spirit with which it is given. Not only on account of the fraternal spirit, but in justice to the Grand Body of Masons which you represent and which have so generously donated their money for the cause of enlightenment.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Inasmuch as the Finance Committee have thoroughly checked up my accounts and are ready to submit a report, I deem it unnecessary to give a detailed account of the same as it would be but a reiteration of the report which they will make. I would state, however, that the finan-

ces of the Grand Lodge are now in better condition than ever before, which is surely gratifying to us all.

CONCLUSION.

In this state where we are so few in numbers comparatively, and where there is so much to do, not only toward the building up of our Institution, but in developing the resources of our Commonwealth, we should, and I believe we do feel, the touch of fraternity stronger than in those Grand Jurisdictions in which the numbers of Masons are greater, their interests more diversified and the development of the state more matured. We, as citizens of North Dakota, feel proud of what nanature has given us in the way of agricultural wealth. We all feel proud of the growth of our Fraternity, and in that pride we should ever continue. We should watch with jealous care the well-being of our lodges and of our Grand Lodge, and see that no personality mars the good which must come out of right living, and right living means the following of the precepts of Freemasonry.

Fraternally Submitted,
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Thos. Harrison (10), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that, agreeably to an order from the Grand Master, this Committee convened one day prior to the opening of this Grand Lodge at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has carefully examined the books, records and vouchers in the office of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and find the same correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts; namely,

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last fiscal year	$3155.43
Cash—Charter Fees Liberty and Walhalla Lodges	60.00
Cash from Dues and Fees 1898-99	3249.25
Cash from Morals & Dogmas	350.25
Sale of mileage book, account Grand Lecturer	33.47
Fines from delayed reports 1897-98 from Lodges Nos. 6, 23, 27, 29, 33, 38, and 39	35.00

Dispensation Fees—Mt. Moriah, Fidelity, Harmony, Welcome, Dacotah		115.00
Refund from Dickinson Lodge No. 32, Acct. Grand Lecturer		3.00
Sale of Grand Lodge Codes		2.00
Amount due Grand Secretary Acct Morals & Dogmas	$ 1.49	
Amount Due Grand Secretary, overpaid G. L. Register	169.55	
	$171.04	
Less Amount unpaid on Contingent Fund	37.47	
	$133.57	133.57
		$7136.97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid for Mileage and Per Diem Grand Lodge Session '98	$ 691.30
By Appropriations not herein specified	1362.11
By Printing 1898 Proceedings	112.00
By Card Trays	202.50
By Special Appropriation of 1898 for G. Lecturer's expense	57.09
By Appropriation Grand Lecturer 1898-9	50.00
By amount for Morlas & Dogmas, Express, etc.	361.49
By Expense Grand Lodge Register System	269.55
By Cash for Postage	38.35
By Cash for miscellaneous printing	35.95
By Cash for rent	92.00
By Cash for express and freight	17.45
By Cash for engrossing charters and engraving	11.50
By Cash for furniture	12.50
By Cash for insurance	7.25
By Cash for miscellaneous contingent expenses	247.53
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	304.15
Amount of Dues & Fees turned over to Grand Treasurer	3249.25
Amount of Grand Secretary's fees for 5 Dispensations	15.00
	$7136.97

RECAPITULATION.

Balance last fiscal year	$3155.43	
Receipts from all sources	3847.97	
Due Grand Secretary, amount overpaid	133.57	$7136.97
Total Expenditures	$3568.57	
Amt. of Dues & Fees 1898-9 turned over to G. Treas.	3249.25	
Cash on hand (turned back to Grand Lodge)	304.15	
Fees to Grand Secretary for Dispensations	15.00	$7136.97

LIBRARY FUND.

To Balance on hand 1897	$115.44	
To delinquent per capita tax 1898, Jamestown No. 6	11.40	
To delinquent per capita tax 1898, Mizpah No. 39	3.30	
To delinquent per capita tax 1898, Mouse River No. 43	3.50	
Received from per capita tax 1898-9	301.40	
To return of rent from Local and Grand Bodies	12.00	$447.04

CONTRA.

By Insurance	$ 42.80	
By Rent	72.00	
By Books and magazines	134.32	
By Miscellaneous	6.79	
By Furniture	18.00	
By Cash on hand	166.13	
By paid to adjust rent 1897-8	7.00	$447.04

We find that Mandan Lodge No. 8 has failed to pay the $5.10 due for per capita tax of 1898, and submit the question to the Grand Lodge to enforce payment of this sum due from Mandan No. 8.

Your Committee finds the fines imposed by the Grand Lodge session of 1898 against four of eleven Lodges fined still remain unpaid, and recommend that the Grand Lodge take such action as is necessary to enforce its edicts.

Among the assets of Grand Lodge are Card Trays valued at $202.50 and balance due from Lodges and for Morals and Dogmas in hand the sum of $27.75.

Your Committee recommend the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$ 100.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing Proceedings	150.00
Registry	100.00
Contingent Expense	500.00
Cash advanced by Grand Secretary	133.57
Total	$1083.57

We find that the Grand Secretary overpaid the Grand Treasurer in 1898 for Dues and Fees for Mizpah Lodge No. 39 the sum of $2.25, and recommend he be reimbursed for same.

The labors of your Finance Committee have been greatly facilitated this year by the uniform promptness of particular Lodges filing their reports and transmitting funds to the Grand Secretary within the stat-

utory period, May 15th, 1899, and it is with pleasure that we report every Lodge in the Jurisdiction has fully complied with the rules of this Grand Body in this respect, and none are, therefore, subject to fine for delinquency.

Fraternally Submitted.
A. B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
E. GEO. GUTHRIE (3),
Committee.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Lecturer W∴ Bro. John Scott (29), then submitted the following report:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

During the past year, after due notices given to the different Lodges, I visited officially and held schools of instruction at the towns named by the last Grand Lodge; namely, Bismarck, Casselton, Devils Lake, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Larimore, La Moure, Lisbon, Wahpeton and Willow City.

At Bismarck, Bismarck Lodge No. 5 only was represented. Absent Mandan No. 8 and Dickinson No. 32.

At Casselton, Casselton No. 3, Cereal No. 9 and Occidental No. 27 were represented. Absent, Shiloh No. 1, Hiram No. 20 and Goose River No. 19.

At Grafton, Crescent No. 11, St. Johns No. 36, Temple No. 30 and Golden Valley No. 26, were represented. Absent, Bathgate No. 23, Hamilton No. 35, Tongue River No. 22, Crystal No. 38, Pembina No. 2, Walhalla No. 50 and Minto No. 17.

At Grand Forks, Acacia No. 4 and Hillsboro No. 10 were represented. Absent, Reynolds No. 42.

At Jamestown, Jamestown No. 6 only was represented. Absent, Valley City No. 7, Sanborn No. 14 and Northern Light No. 45.

At Larimore, North Star No. 16, Milton No. 48 and Forest River No. 28, were represented. Absent, Lebannon No. 34 and Golden Valley No. 26. Golden Valley No. 26, however, sent a delegation over and met with us at Grafton.

At LaMoure, Mackey No. 18, the home Lodge, only was represented. Absent, Hope No. 29, Golden Fleece No. 31, Ellendale No. 13 and Maple River No. 41.

At Lisbon, Sheyenne Valley No. 12 and Mizpah No. 39 were represented. Absent, Liberty No. 49.

At Wahpeton, Wahpeton No. 15, Fairmount No. 37 and Anchor No. 25 were represented. Absent none.

At Willow City, Willow No. 47, the home Lodge, only was represented. Absent, Tuscan No. 44, Star in the West No. 33 and Mouse River No. 43.

From the above report it would appear that the plan of districting the jurisdiction for the purpose of holding schools of instruction has been somewhat of a failure, and I would recommend that some system be adopted whereby each Lodge would have the benefit of at least one day's school.

I received a hearty and fraternal welcome from the brethren at all places visited and shall always retain a happy remembrance of my time spent as Grand Lecturer.

I found the Lodges represented needed some instruction in our esoteric work. Some more than others. All, however, were willing to accept corrections and anxious to get the work uniform throughout the State.

My financial report is as follows:

Amount paid for R. R. fare while making tour	$32.07
Stamps & Stationery	2.00
Total	$34.07
Received from Grand Secretary	16.53
Balance due	$17.54

Fraternally Submitted,
JOHN SCOTT (29),
Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which on motion of Bro. John Riessbeck (32), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1.—That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to Committee on Obituary.

2.—That so much thereof as refers to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

3.—That so much thereof as refers to the Brethren at Carrington be approved.

4.—That so much thereof as refers to Washington Memorial be referred to a Special Committee.

5.—That so much thereof as refers to Dispensations, the same being so clearly within the prerogatives of the Grand Master, does not need reference.

6.—That so much thereof as refers to issuing of Dispensations for New Lodges be referred to a Committee on Lodges U. D.

7.—That so much thereof as refers to proposition from Scottish Rite Bodies, and which proposition having been accepted by the Grand Lodge at its last session, this Committee recommend that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for the purpose of ascertaining what amount this Grand Lodge can reasonably expend in the fitting up of the Grand Secretary's offices and the Grand Lodge Library.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

8.—That the report of the Grand Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

9.—That so much thereof as refers to returns of Chartered Lodges be referred to Committee on Chartered Lodges.

10.—That the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Finance for the purpose of auditing.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

11.—That the Report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to a Committee on Grand Lecturer.

12.—That the financial part of the same be referred to Committee on Finance.

Fraternally Submitted,
W. J. LORSHBOUGH (1),
CHAS. E. STONE, (3),
JAMES H. BLACK (14),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Committees:

*Jurisprudence.—John F. Selby (10), George L. McGregor (6), Frank J. Thompson (1), James McDonald (11), Robert M. Carothers (4).

*Finance.—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Grant S. Hager (30), E. George Guthrie (3), David M. Holmes (4), Robert Morrison (2).

*Grievances and Appeals.—Walter L. Williamson (25), James T. Blacklock (35), John McDonald (28), Halley V. Hicks (29), John Nelson (16).

*Foreingn Correspondent.—Frank J. Thompson (1).

(* The foregoing Committees are Standing Committees.)

Credentials.—John McDonald (28), Wallace W. Heffron (9), Carl Aurland (33).

Division and Reference.—Walter J. Lorshbough (1), Charles E. Stone (3), James H. Black (14).

Obituary.—James W. Foley (5), Halley V. Hicks (29), William A. Scott (1), Ray L. Himebaugh (31), Charles A. Tuttle (37).

Grand Lecturer.—John Scott (29), Louis A. Jacobson (27), Don R. Davidson (15), Charles O. Piatt (16), John Riessbeck (32).

Special Committee Washington Memorial.—Thomas Harrison (10), Marvin W. Buck (45), John A. Klovstad (27).

Lodges U. D.—Alvin A. Hall (46), Karl J. Farup (26), William Spriggs (4), Dennis W. Coleman (13), Theodore A. Thompson (30).

Chartered Lodges.—Emery S. Beardsley, (5), Frank H. Sprague (11). Thomas Boyden (12), Alfred Steele (6), James Halliday (42).

Special Committee on By-Laws.—Robert M. Carothers (4), Robert Morrison (2), Edwin H. James (30).
Bartlett (8), Emil C. Krueger (36), Brynjolf Prom (49).
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PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARS TO GRAND LODGE.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That those Lodges upon which fines were imposed at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge in 1898 for failure to send their Annual Returns and money to the Grand Secretary by May 15th, and which have failed to pay such fines, do not pay the same to the Grand Secretary within thirty days, that the Grand Master be and he is hereby directed to arrest their Charters.

Carried.

GREETING TO BRETHREN IN THE PHILIPPINES.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That some brief greeting be sent to our Brethren in the Philippine Islands.

Carried.

The Grand Master appointed M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers a Committee to send such greeting, and the greeting of the Grand Lodge was duly cabled according to the spirit of the resolution.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) offered the following amendment to the By-Laws, which amendment was received by unanimous consent.

(The amendment was adopted, and the same appears later under a motion for adoption.)

The Grand Master appointed a Special Committee on By-Laws as follows: M∴ W∴ Robert M. Carothers (4), W∴ Robert Morrison (2), R∴ W∴ Edwin H. James (30).

TIME OF ELECTION.

W∴ Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1) moved:

That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place at 2 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

Carried.

REPORT—SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Special Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10), was adopted by more than a three-fourths vote:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred proposed amendment to Section 50, Grand Lodge By-Laws, report as follows:

That the said amendment be adopted.

RESOLVED, That Section 50 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended as follows: that that part thereof after the word "Provided" in the second line on page 39 of the Masonic Code shall read as follows:

That no one who has reeived the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree shall be stopped in his advancement except by charges being preferred, which charges shall be heard according to our Masonic Code.

Fraternally Submitted,
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
Committee.

THEATRE PARTY.

W.·. Bro. Walter J.Lorshbough (1), Worshipful Master of Shiloh Lodge (1), Fargo, announced that the Masonic Bodies of this city extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to attend a theatre party at the Opera House, the play to be Fedora by Sardou.

The Grand Lodge at this hour, 5 p. m. was called to refreshments until 9 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

MORNING SESSION—Second Day

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 9 a. m.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS, LOCATING GRAND LODGE AT FARGO.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) presented the following amendment to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, the same being unanimously received.

(The amendment appears under its adoption.)

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Robert Morrison (2), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Obituary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Address relating to Fraternal Dead, report as follows:

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has called from labor in this

temple of life many distinguished workmen during the past year, whose toil has been for the upbuilding of the great moral structure of Freemasonry, whose influence has been for good, and their brethren, having honored them in the work, mourn their departure from among the craftsmen. Your Committee feels that with reference to those craftsmen of other Grand Jurisdictions, who have been called from labor to spiritual and immortal refreshment that suitable tribute has there been paid, and this Grand Lodge extends fraternal sympathy and re-echos the sentiments expressed in the several intsances.

Within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, eighteen Lodges have been called to surrender workmen to the will of the Supreme Architect, and twenty-three members have been called to continue the work above. Let us, therefore, believe that their work was done, and ours is yet to be completed; that their influence and good deeds shall still have its beneficial effect upon us from above; that the Supreme Architect takes them now to prepare for the final re-union of the Craft in the everlasting ward of the Spiritual Temple. Yet, for the sundering of earthly ties, and the sorrow of stricken and bereaved brethren, there must be genuine sympathy and fraternal sorrowing with them.

This report calls especial attention to the death of R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas J. Wilder, upon whose motion, one short year ago, the report of this Committee was adopted, and whom we are now called upon to cherish as among the departed. For many years, he was among the leaders in the work; among men he was a kind friend and a faithful brother. This Grand Lodge, and this Committee, will cherish his memory and revere his good qualities.

We also note among the departed the name of Honorable Frank A. Briggs, of Mandan Lodge No. 8, who died while serving this state as its Governor. He was once our Grand Treasurer, and we recommend that a suitable memorial page be set apart for him and for R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas J. Wilder.

Fraternally Submitted,
JAMES W. FOLEY (5),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
WILLIAM A. SCOTT (1),
CHAS. A. TUTTLE (37),
RAY L. HIMEBAUGH (31),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

The Committee on Washington Memorial made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Washington Memorial report as follows:

That we revere the memory of our exemplary craftsman. George Washington, and approve the spirit of patriotism and respect which calls for the memorial in question.

Your Committee, for various reasons, has its doubts as to the success of the movement, and believe that this Grand Lodge can best promote the cause of Masonry by confining its efforts to its own Jurisdiction,

We, therefore, recommend that this Grand Lodge contribute no funds and send no delegates to the said memorial.

Fraternally Submitted,
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
MARVIN W. BUCK (45),
JOHN A. KLOVSTAD (27),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. John Reissbeck (32), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. to whom was referred the petitions of the following Lodges, report as follows:

That Charters be granted to Mt. Moriah Lodge, at Williston; Fidelity Lodge, at Drayton; Harmony Lodge, at Lidgerwood; Welcome Lodge, at Churches Ferry and Dacotah Lodge, at Mayville.

Fraternally Submitted,
ALVIN A. HALL (46),
THEODORE A. THOMPSON (30),
DENNIS W. COLEMAN (13),
WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Edwin H. James (30), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges report as follows:

That we find the reports of the various Lodges correct.

Fraternally Submitted,
EMERY S. BEARDSLEY (5),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
JAMES HALLIDAY (42),
ALFRED STEEL (6),
THOMAS A. BOYDEN (12),
Committee.

REPORT—SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS, LOCATING GRAND LODGE.

The Special Committee on By-Laws, locating Grand Lodge at Fargo, made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the following amendment, respectfully recommend that the same be adopted:

"That Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto, after the word "Constitution," the following:

That the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of North Dakota shall be held in the City of Fargo, County of Cass, State of North Dakota, during the next five years commencing with the 1900 Annual Communication of said Grand Lodge."

Fraternally Submitted,
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report. W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved that the report of the Committee on Mileage be adopted except as to that portion relating to Lodges U. D., and the same was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due Representatives, report as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $679.30, to be paid by him to the proper Representatives as hereinafter designated.

No	Lodge.	Location.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Bro. receipting
1	Shiloh	Fargo			$ 4 00	W. J. Lorshbough
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	$ 8 10	6 00	Robert Morrison
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	1 00	4 00	Chas. E. Stone
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3 90	4 00	William Spriggs
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	9 75	4 00	James W. Foley
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4 65	4 00	Alfred Steele
7	Valley City	Valley City	58			
8	Mandan	Mandan	207	10 35	4 00	Anson Bartlett
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2 10	4 00	W. W. Heffron
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1 95	4 00	Thomas Harrison
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	Frank H. Sprague
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	Thomas A. Boyden
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	7 00	4 00	D. W. Coleman
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3 50	4 00	James H. Black
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2 30	4 00	F. B. Barnes
16	North Star	La rimore	104	5 20	4 00	Chas. O Platt
17	Minto	Minto	107	5 35	2 00	A. P. Herom
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88			
19	Goose River	Portland	68			
20	Hiram	Page	53			
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	8 25	2 00	Chas. W. Greene
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7 45	4 00	J. H. McHolland
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7 45	4 00	W. J. James
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	7 20	2 00	Wm. C. Hagler
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4 40	4 00	E. C. Harvey
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7 00	4 00	Karl J. Farup
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	John A. Klovstad
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6 15	4 00	W. J. Glass
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	Wm. Quinnell
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6 55	4 00	T. A. Thompson
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	5 60	4 00	R. L. Himebaugh
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15 45	4 00	John Riessbeck
33	Star in the West	Minot	282	14 10	4 00	Carl Aurland
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8 95	4 00	Wm. F. Winter
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7 10	4 00	G. F. Erskine
36	St. John's	Forest River	110	5 50	4 00	E. C. Kreuger
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3 05	4 00	Chas. A. Tuttle
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6 80	2 00	Chas. K. Wing
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42			
40	Cando	Cando	199			
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110			
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2 85	4 00	James Halliday
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12 45	4 00	E. C. Stevens
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	280			
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5 30	4 00	M. W. Buck
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9 65	4 00	A. A. Hall
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12 10	4 00	Donald A. Crites
48	Milton	Milton	164	8 20	4 00	B. Prom
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2 50	2 00	D. C. McColm
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8 30	4 00	J. J. Sharpe
U D	Mt. Moriah	Williston	420			
U D	Fidelity	Drayton	132	4 00		David Graham
U D	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5 00		J. A. Black
U D	Welcome	Churches Ferry	201			
U D	Dacotah	Mayville	57	2 00		J. M. Stewart

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GRAND AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	Miles	Mileage	PER DIEM.	BRO. RECEIPTING.
George H. Keyes, G. M.	Ellendale	140	$ 7 00	$ 4 00	Geo. H. Keyes
John A. Percival, D. G. M.	Devils Lake	165	8 25	4 00	Jno. A. Percival
Edwin H. James, S. W.	St. Thomas	131	6 55	4 00	E. H. James
Clinton D. Lord, Treas.	Park River	140	7 00	6 00	C. D. Lord
Thomas L. Foulks, S. O.	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	T. L. Foulks
Emery S. Beardsley, J. S.	Bismarck	195	9 75	4 00	E. S. Beardsley
Thos. E. Fox, Marshal	Willow City	242	12 10	4 00	T. E. Fox
Louis A. Jacobson, S. B	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	L. A. Jacobson
John Scott, Lect.	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	John Scott
James Johnson, Tyler	Minot	282	14 10	4 00	James Johnson
John F. Selby, P. G. M.	Hillsboro	39	1 95	2 00	J. F. Selby
Jas. McDonald, P. G. M.	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	James McDonald
G. L. McGregor, P. G. M.	Ft. Totten	185	9 25	2 00	G. L. McGregor
R. M. Carothers, P. G. M.	Grand Forks	78	3 90	4 00	R. M. Carothers
Geo. A. Luce, P. G. Treas.	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Geo. A. Luce
D. R. Davidson, P. G. Treas.	Wahpeton	46	2 30	4 00	Don R. Davidson
C. A. Harris, P. G. Treas.	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	Chas. A Harris
A. B. Taylor, Fin. Com.	Fargo	.....	.....	6 00	A. B. Taylor
Grant S. Hager, Fin. Com.	St. Thomas	131	6 65	6 00	Grant S. Hager
E. Geo. Guthrie, Fin. Com.	Casselton	20	1 00	6 00	E. Geo. Guthrie
W. L. Williamson, Griev & App	Lisbon	56	2 80	2 00	W. L. Williamson
J. T. Blacklock, Griev & App	Hamilton	142	7 10	4 00	J. T. Blacklock
John McDonald, do	Inkster	123	6 15	4 00	John McDonald
H. V. Hicks, do	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	H. V Hicks
John Nelson, do	Larimore	104	5 20	4 00	John Nelson

Fraternally Submitted.

THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
WM. F. WINTER (34),
BRYNJOLF PROM (48),
Committee.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—LODGES U. D.

W.·. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That one delegate from Lodges Under Dispensation be allowed mileage and per diem not to exceed in amount the sum paid by his Lodge to the Grand Lodge for Work.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer made the following report:

W.·.Bro. Halley V. Hicks (29) moved:

That the report be adopted.

W.·. Bro. Robert Morrison (2) moved as an amendment:

That the fine recommended by the Committee to be imposed upon Lodges not attending the school of instructions be reduced to $1.

Bro. John Nelson (16) moved an amendment to the amendment:

That that part of the report of the Committee relating to fine be stricken out.

The movers of the previous motion and their second consenting to the amendment offered by Bro. John Nelson, the amendment to the original motion was adopted, and the motion to adopt the report of the Committee as amended was then adopted by the Gand Lodge.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer, to whom was referred his report, report as follows:

That the state be districted for the purpose of holding schools of instruction, and that one Lodge in each district be designated as a place of meeting. Such meetings to be held at least once a year at such time as decided upon by the Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Lecturer to receive a fee of $5.00 a day and hotel expenses for time spent in attending such meeting, to be paid by the Lodges jointly within such district. Except that if any Lodge wish they may have a school of instruction in their own Lodge, they to pay fees and hotel expenses of Grand Lecturer for time spent while holding such school. Any Lodge holding such school will be exempt their pro rata of school held in their district.

For the better convenience of all Lodges, your Committee would recommend that the state be re-districted as follows, and that schools of instruction be held in the towns bearing the name of a district, and that the Grand Lecturer's expenses for mileage be paid by the Grand Lodge.

BISMARCK—District No. 1.

Bismarck No. 5.
Mandan No. 8.
Dickinson No. 32.

CASSELTON—District No. 2.

Casselton No. 3.
Shiloh No. 1.
Cereal No. 9.
Goose River No. 19.
Hiram No. 20.
Occidental No. 27.
Dacotah No. 55.

DEVILS LAKE—District No. 3.

Minnewaukan No. 21.
Cando No. 40.
Evergreen No. 46.
Welcome No. 54.

GRAFTON—District No. 4.

Crescent No. 11.
Pembina No. 2.
Minto No. 17.
Tongue River No. 22.
Bathgate No. 23.
Temple No. 30.
Hamilton No. 35.
St. Johns No. 36.
Crystal No. 38.
Walhalla No. 50.
Fidelity No. 52.

GRAND FORKS—District No. 5.

Acacia No. 4.
Hillsboro No. 10.
Reynolds No. 42.

JAMESTOWN—District No. 6.

Jamestown No. 6.
Valley City No. 7.
Sanborn No. 14.
Northern Light No. 45.

LARIMORE—District No. 7.

North Star No. 16.
Euclid No. 24.
Golden Valley No. 26.
Forest River No. 28.
Lebanon No. 34.
Milton No. 48.

EDGELEY—District No. 8.

Maple River No. 41.
Ellendale No. 13.
Mackey No. 18.

LISBON—District No. 9.

Sheyenne Valley No. 12.
Mizpah No. 39.
Liberty No. 49.

WAHPETON—District No. 10.

Wahpeton No. 15.
Anchor No. 25.
Fairmount No. 37.
Harmony No. 53.

WILLOW CITY—District No. 11.

Willow No. 47.
Tuscan No. 44.

OAKES—District No. 12.

Hope No. 29.
Golden Fleece No. 31.

MINOT—District No. 13.

Star in the West No. 33.
Mouse River No. 43.
Mt. Moriah No. 51.

Your Committee would further recommend that a fine of $10 be imposed on each particular Lodge which failed to send a representative to some school of instruction during the year.

Fraternally Submitted,
JOHN SCOTT (29),
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
DON R. DAVIDSON (15),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32)
CHAS. O. PIATT (16),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

M∴ W∴ Bro. John F. Selby (10) presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the same was taken up ad seriatim. The report on each decision was adopted, and, on motion of W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), the entire report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as a whole.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to Decisions, report as follows:

That Decision No. 1 be approved with this amendment: That the words "or direct the Junior Warden to prefer such charges" be inserted after the words "against him."

That Decision No. 2 be approved.

That Decision No. 3 be approved.

That Decision No. 4 be approved except as to that part wherein the Brother is declared to be entitled to a receipt in full for his dues.

Fraternally Submitted,
JOHN F. SELBY (10),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
Committee.

IN RE ANCHOR LODGE NO. 25.

The matter of Anchor Lodge No. 25 not having its Charter vised at the time of the division of the Grand Lodge of the Territory, the fact was brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and, on motion of M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), the following was adopted:

Inasmuch as the Charter of Anchor Lodge No. 25, issued by the Grand Lodge of Dakota as Anchor Lodge No. 88, has never been properly endorsed, therefore,

Be It Resolved, That said Charter be now properly vised, and that all acts of said Lodge since the formation of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota be declared to be of full legal effect.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals to whom was referred

the appeal of Bro. Chas. W. Barrett from Cereal Lodge No. 9, report as follows:

That that part of the proceedings of Cereal Lodge No. 9 in the action of suspending Bro. J. H. F. Blue for non-payment of dues be referred back to said Lodge for further action, it appearing that said Lodge erred in the manner in which ballot was taken, in that a correct account of the vote at the trial was not kept in accordance with the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. And that the action of said Lodge in the trial of P. T. Peterson and E. Chapman be sustained.

Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21,

vs.

Lawrence Grant.

Your Committee begs leave further to report that the action of Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21 in the expulsion of Lawrence Grant be sustained.

Fraternally Submitted,

WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (25),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
JOHN NELSON (16),
Committee.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL—GRAND LECTURER.

The Finance Committee made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Grand Lecturer's Report, report as follows:

That the amount as charged in Grand Lecturer's report as due him from the Grand Lodge, $17.54, be allowed.

Fraternally Submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2)
Committee.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE NEW QUARTERS, MASONIC TEMPLE.

Committee on Finance made the following report, which on motion of R∴ W∴ Bro. Don R. Davidson (15), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committe on Finance, to whom was referred the question of funds available to fit up permanent quarters in new Masonic Temple, report as follows:

We find the revenues of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year will be as follows, based upon the receipts of last year with reasonable percentage for increase of dues and fees:

Amount of Cash on hand after paying expenses of this Communication	$2863.40
Receipts from Card Trays	202.50
Receipts from 4500 membership cards, transcribed for particular Lodges at 5c each	225.00
Receipts from Charter Fees, 5 Lodges U. D.	150.00
Receipts from Dues and Fees (estimated)	3550.00
Receipts from Dispensation Fees (estimated)	40.00
Receipts from all other sources (estimated)	30.00
Receipts from fines imposed by Communication of 1898, yet unpaid	20.00
	$7,081.00

We find the expenses of the Grand Lodge will be as follows:

Appropriations for all purposes	$1083.57
Salary of Grand Secretary (estimated)	1000.00
Mileage and per diem of 1900 session(estimated)	750.00
Total estimated expenses	$2833.57

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from all sources (estimated)	$7081.00
Expenses for all purposes (estimated)	2833.57
Total resources estimated	$4247.43

We find that the estimated cost of fitting up said offices, as per plans and specifications, is $1,812.

This Grand Body has a total membership of 3168: that the Grand Chapter has a total membership of 926, and the Grand Commadery a total membership of 501. The total membership of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery would, therefore, be about one-half that of

this Grand Body, and they would, jointly, be entitled to pay one-third of the total expense, leaving two-thirds of said expense to be paid by the Grand Lodge. Upon such a basis the expense would be borne as follows:

Grand Lodge	$1208.
Other Grand Bodies	604
Total	$1812

As the total estimated resources of this Grand Lodge at the close of the 1900 session would be $4247.43, this Grand Body would have on hand, as estimated, available resources, after paying its proportion of the estimated expense of the new offices, $3029.43.

Fraternally Submitted,
ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (6),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR FINISHING OFFICES, GRAND SECRETARY.

W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) moved:

That the sum of $1208.00 be appropriated by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of finishing the offices of the Grand Secretary, and the same is hereby appropriated by this Grand Lodge, the same being two-thirds of the estimate submitted by the Architect.

Carried.

Bro. William A. Scott (1) moved:

That M∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1), the Grand Secretary, be the Committee of the Grand Lodge to look after the letting of the contract and finishing the offices of the Grand Secretary, and to have full authority to act therein.

Carried.

APPROPRIATION TO S. T. CONNICK.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), moved:

That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of $10.00 as a slight compensation for the services of Bro. S. T. Connick, Tyler of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, to the Grand Lodge during its present session.

Carried.

The hour being High Twelve, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—Second Day

The hour of election having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as Tellers, Bros. E. George Guthrie (3) and James T. Blacklock (35). The election proceeded with the following result:

John A. Percival (21), M∴ W∴ Grand Master, Devils Lake.

Edwin H. James (30), R∴ W∴ Deputy Grand Master, St. Thomas.

Thomas L. Foulks (12), R∴ W∴ Senior Grand Warden, Lisbon.

Walter L. Stockwell (11). R∴ W∴ Junior Grand Warden, Grafton.

Clinton D. Lord (26), R∴ W∴ Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary, Fargo. The following is a list of the Appointive Officers:

Daniel C. McColm (49), W∴ Grand Chaplain, Enderlin.

Thomas Klienogel (1), W∴ Senior Grand Deacon, Fargo.

Thomas E. Fox (47), W∴ Junior Grand Deacon, Willow City.

James W. Foley (5), W∴ Senior Grand Steward, Bismarck.

Louis A. Jacobson (27), W∴ Junior Grand Steward, Hope.

James T. Blacklock (35), W∴ Grand Marshal, Hamilton.

Thomas Harrison (10), W∴ Grand Sword Bearer, address Blanchard.

William Spriggs (4), W∴ Grand Pursuivant, Grand Forks.

John Scott (29), W∴ Grand Lecturer, Oakes.

James Johnson (33), W∴ Grand Tyler, Minot.

*Herbert J. Gibson (1), W∴ Deputy Grand Secretary, Fargo.

*Appointed by R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary.

COMITY RESOLUTION—GRAND LODGE MINNESOTA.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Min-

nesota had never taken any action upon the resolution relative to the reciprocity of masonic timber, and he moved:

That the Grand Master elect call the attention of the Grand Master of Minnesota to the comity resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its session in 1897, page 235, to the effect that brethren, residents of this state, living nearer to a Lodge in Minnesota than to a Lodge in North Dakota could receive the degrees in the Lodge in Minnesota, Provided, that the Grand Lodge of Minnesota pass a like reciprocity resolution, and that if the Grand Lodge of Minnesota take no action in the matter that he is hereby authorized to abrogate said comity resolution.

Carried.

GREETING TO OUR BRETHREN IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) presented the following resolution.

So many of the brethren moved its adoption that the Grand Secretary was unable to catch all their names.

Resolved: That the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction have viewed with pride the action of our then Grand Master Robert M. Carothers in granting a Dispensation to hold a Lodge U. D. in the Phillippine Islands, and the unanimous and enthusiastic approval of his acts by the Grand Lodge at its previous session. We have watched with eagerness all news of what our brethren were doing in the island on the other side of the world. Thus far reports of their acts have received our hearty approval ,and met our most sanguine expectations. We, there fore, extend to our brethren in the antipodes our heartiest and sincerest, and deepest regards. We watch for their return with no little expectation of pleasure of the re-union and the gathering together again of our brothers around the firesides, and the re-uniting with their loved ones will be our cherished anticipation. We send them our greeting, our good will and our hopes for a safe and pleasant return.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) as Marshal and the Grand Officers, whose names have already appeared, were duly installled.

NAMES OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Standing Committees:

Jurisprudence:—M∴ W∴ John F. Selby (10), M∴ W∴ George L. McGregor (6), M∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1) M∴ W∴ James McDonald (11), M∴ W∴ Robert M. Carothers (4), M∴ W∴ George H. Keyes (13).

Finance:—W∴ Alexander B. Taylor (1), W∴ Grant S. Hager (30), E. George Guthrie (3), W∴ Robert Morrison (2), W∴ Walter J. Lorshbough (1).

Grievances and Appeals.—W∴ Walter L. Williamson (25), W∴ John McDonald (28), W∴ James H. McHolland (22), W∴ Halley V. Hicks (29), John Nelson (16).

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

To Railroads:

Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That this Grand Lodge hereby extend its thanks to the Great Northern, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railways for courtesies extended, in making a reduction of fare on their several lines, to delegates to the session of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

To Masonic Bodies of Fargo:

R∴ W∴ Bro. Don. R. Davidson (15) moved:

That this Grand Lodge hereby acknowledge its appreciation of the endeavors of the Masonic Bodies of Fargo to make the session of this Grand Lodge pleasant and the stay of the delegates profitable. The assurances of our good will to the Masonic Bodies of this city have been manifested by the action of the Grand Lodge during its present session, and we assure our brethren in Fargo that the courtesies extended will be long and pleasantly remembered.

Carried.

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE M∴ M∴ DEGREE.

The Grand Master announced that the exemplification of the Third Degree would be given by Shiloh Lodge this evening at 8 o'clock, after which a banquet would be served; that the

candidate would be Frank D. Moody, a Fellow Craft of Shiloh Lodge No. 1.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John A. Percival, closed the Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota in *ample* form at 5 o'clock p. m., Peace and Harmony prevailing.

JOHN A. PERCIVAL,
Grand Master.

Attest: Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

PEMBINA LODGE NO. 2.

Lewis E. Booker, Wm. A. Cummings, Henry Mason, Wm. C. Melville, Samuel O. McGuin, Henry L. Smith, Geo. W. Spinning, Lincoln G. White.

CASSELTON LODGE NO. 3.

Frank B. South.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 4.

August G. Johnson.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

Frederick Bellerud, F. A. Cleveland, Rasmus Sorrenson.

CEREAL LODGE NO. 9.

J. H. F. Blue, A. J. Easton, H. W. Higgins, Thomas P. Moore, P. T. Peterson.

MINNEWAUKAN LODGE NO. 21.

Tower S. Benham, Lafayette Council, Samuel M. Dood, Robert Ferguson, William Fiers, Charles L. Huelett, Rev. J. A. Hovis, James E. Jenks, Edward Lohnes, Allan Mettler, R. A. Percival, August Peterson, Joseph Thompson.

BATHGATE LODGE NO. 23.

Rev. Cyrus Sullivan, M. A. Trenholme.

FOREST RIVER LODGE NO. 28.

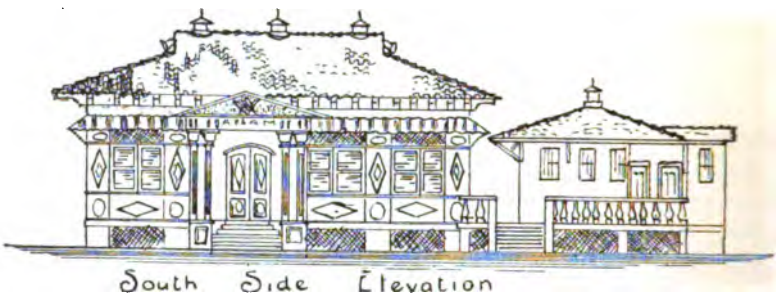
M. A. Mahaffey.

MIZPAH LODGE NO. 39.

Thomas C. Bullock, Charles K. Durbin, James E. Toms.

MASONIC HALL

Military Lodge at Manilla, Phillipine Islands



The above cut shows the south side elevation of the house converted into a Masonic Hall for the accommodation of the Military Lodge U. D. at Manila, working under authority of a dispensation issued by M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers, June 1st, 1898.

The offices of the Lodge are:

Lt. Col. William C. Treumann.....W.·. M.·.
Major Frank White.....S.·. W.·.
Capt. John H. Fraine.....J.·. W.·.
all of North Dakota Volunteers.

The electro was made from one of the views of an ink sketch by Bro. Eugene H. Sacket, of Fargo, North Dakota. Bro. Sacket is now only twenty-three years old; is a graduate from the Fargo public schools, and his knowledge of drawing was obtained in the regular drawing course of the school.

The building is surrounded by a spacious lawn, ornamented with palm, cocoanut and banana trees. In the rear of the building is a large tile court. The grounds are surrounded by a ten-inch stone wall, twelve feet high and covered on top with broken glass. Directly in front of the building, extending between two carriage gates, is a high picket fence.

The main Lodge room was made by converting five rooms into one, seating one hundred and fifty very comfortably. Two meetings a week were held while the troops were at Manila, and the Hall was always filled, largely by visiting Masons connected with the Military and Naval service.

The Lodge meetings were the one great enjoyment of our brethren, and served to elevate the moral tone of those attending, to keep the memories of loved ones, far away, an active factor in their daily lives, and to avoid the contamination of indiscretion.

Synopsis of the Returns ef Lodges April 30, 1899,

Number	NAME.	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled	Increase	Decrease	Membership	Dues and Fees Paid
1	Shiloh	41	43	38	9	2	3	6	..	...	49	9	273	$246 25
2	Pembina	.....	2	4	..	..	..	3	8	..	4	11	61	51 00
3	Casselton	8	9	7	1	1	3	4	1	..	9	8	118	116 50
4	Acacia	18	13	14	4	..	..	2	1	...	18	3	148	169 25
5	Bismarck	4	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	61	59 75
6	Jamestown	9	10	10	2	..	..	2	..	..	12	2	123	103 50
7	Valley City	7	8	8	4	1	1	4	3	...	13	8	94	90 25
8	Mandan	9	7	7	1	..	1	1	..	..	8	2	60	71 25
9	Cereal	4	3	3	..	1	..	2	5	..	4	7	33	34 75
10	Hillsboro	6	4	4	..	..	...	2	..	..	4	2	99	91 00
11	Crescent	2	5	7	...	..	1	1	...	..	7	2	90	79 75
12	Cheyenne Valley	7	7	8	2	1	1	2	..	..	11	3	86	85 00
13	Ellendale	9	8	7	2	1	1	3	..	..	10	4	65	70 50
14	Sanborn	2	2	5	..	2	1	1	...	..	7	2	39	36 25
15	Wahpeton	16	12	12	5	2	..	7	..	..	19	7	70	62 50
16	North Star	14	12	12	4		1	1	..	...	16	2	77	93 00
17	Minto	4	1	1	..	...	..	3	..	..	1	3	43	38 25
18	Mackey	5	5	4	1	..	...	....	..	..	5	.....	45	47 75
19	Goose River	4	7	6	..	..	...	....	..	..	6	....	40	44 25
20	Hiram	5	6	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	2	40	42 50
21	Minnewaukan	4	6	8	3	..	.	13	13	1	11	27	84	80 25
22	Tongue River	8	8	8	1	...	..	1	..	..	9	1	50	57 50
23	Bathgate	5	3	5	..	..	..	5	2	..	5	7	80	73 00
24	Euclid	7	10	8	..	..	..	1	..	.	8	1	46	66 50
25	Anchor	1	1	.....	..	..	..	3	...	..	.....	3	23	19 75
26	Golden Valley	2	1	1	3	...	1	7	.	..	4	8	83	67 25
27	Occidental	8	6	6	..	1	1	3	1	..	7	5	70	71 75
28	Forest River	8	6	6	...	..	..	....	1	...	6	1	59	64 75
29	Hope	3	4	5	..	1	..	4	...	..	6	4	45	45 75
30	Temple	2	3	2	..	..	1	7	...	..	2	8	47	44 25
31	Golden Fleece	9	6	5	...	..	..	8	...	..	5	8	45	52 75
32	Dickinson	3	1	2	1	..	1	....	...	...	3	1	91	74 25
33	Star in the West	3	4	3	2	.	..	6	..	..	5	6	47	45 25
34	Lebanon	22	23	24	3	..	...	....	...	..	27	.....	109	150 00
35	Hamilton	2	2	2	..	..	1	2	..	...	2	3	35	32 25
36	St. Johns	3	5	5	2	..	..	2	..	...	7	2	43	44 25
37	Fairmount	3	5	6	..	..	2	.....	..	.	6	2	33	38 75
38	Crystal	7	7	7	..	..	..	1	...	..	7	1	34	46 50
39	Mizpah	1	1	.....	..	..	.	1	3	...	.....	4	29	22 25
40	Cando	5	6	3	3	..	..	3	...	..	6	3	36	41 50
41	Maple River	.....	.....	5	..	..	..	.....	..	..	5	.....	32	31 50
42	Reynolds	8	5	5	1	..	..	2	...	..	6	2	26	45 50
43	Mouse River	1	.....	.....	..	..	..	2	...	..	....	2	33	26 00
44	Tuscan	1	1	1	..	..	..	....	..	..	1	.....	19	18 25
45	Northern Light	5	5	5	...	..	..	....	..	..	5	.....	41	48 25
46	Evergreen	7	8	9	1	..	1	4	...	..	10	5	56	68 50
47	Willow	6	7	7	..	..	..	1	...	...	7	1	33	50 75
48	Milton	10	6	7	..	...	..	....	...	..	7	.....	37	49 75
49	Liberty	7	8	6	..	..	..	....	..	..	6	.....	25	38 25
50	Walhalla	12	14	17	2	...	..	1	..	..	19	1	37	70 75
	Mt. Moriah U. D.	2	1	.....	..	..	..	.....	...	..	.....	.....	14	5 00
	Fidelity U. D.	3	.....	.....	..	..	1	....	..	..	.....	1	14	4 00
	Harmony U. D.	3	2	.....	..	..	..	.....	..	...	...	.....	13	5 00
	Welcome U. D	4	3	3	...	..	..	.....	...	..	3	.....	18	14 00
	Dacotah U D.	2	.....	.....	..	..	.	....	..	..	.....	....	17	2 00
	Totals	351	335	337	58	13	23	123	38	1	408	185	3169	$3249 25

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement.

Compiled From the Returns of May 1, 1899, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses Worshipful Masters and Secretaries, Etc.

	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
1	Shiloh	Walter J. Lorshbough.	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday of each month
2	Pembina	John D. Winlaw	Thomas R. Shaw	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
3	Casselton	Charles E. Stone	H. John Rowe	Casselton	Cass	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
4	Acacia	William Spriggs	Charles H. McManus	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
5	Bismarck	James W. Foley	M. M. Cook	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
6	Jamestown	Alfred Steel	Charles W. Pierce	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
7	Valley City	Chessmur A. Fisher	Oscar A. Laughlin acting	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday in each month
8	Mandan	Lewis Hill	Wallace F. Lorin	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
9	Cereal	W. W. Heffron	C. W. Barrett	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
10	Hillsboro	George F. Bates	William Barclay	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
11	Crescent	Frank H. Sprague	Alexander Stensby	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
12	Sheyenne Valley	Thomas A. Boyden	Gilbert LaDu	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
13	Ellendale	Dennis W. Coleman	Fred L. Walker	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
14	Sanborn	James H. Black	Jacob F. Jaberg	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
15	Wahpeton	John J. Hull	Charles A. McKean	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
16	North Star	O. H. Phillips	V. S. Wisner	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
17	Minto	Samuel D. Thompson	Peter McOuat	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
18	Mackey	S. E. Brown	Willard Proctor	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
19	Goose River	G. A. White	H. H. McNair	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
20	Hiram	Louis B. Hanna	William H. Aymar	Page	Cass	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
21	Minnewaukan	John A. Percival	S. C. Jones	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
22	Tongue River	Joseph Farrow	William Ellenbaum	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
23	Bathgate	H. J. James	William Steele	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
24	Euclid	William C. Hagler	Henry D. Fruit	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
25	Anchor	Francis W. Vail	Jay. H. Maltby	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturdays of each month
26	Golden Valley	Karl J. Farup	Benj. W. Hosmer	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
27	Occidental	J. A. Klovstad	S. McPherson	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
28	Forest River	W. James Glass	Halbert E. Payne	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
29	Hope	Frank W. Waldron	Edwin A. Porter	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
30	Temple	Theodore A. Thompson	Austin R. Harvey	St. Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
31	Golden Fleece	John W. Christian	Ray L. Himebaugh	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
32	Dickinson	John Riessbeck	I. C. deGraff	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
33	Star in the West	Carl Aurland	Louis A. Larson	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
34	Lebanon	William F. Winter	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
35	Hamilton	James T. Blacklock	George Start	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement--Continued.

	LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING
36	St. Johns	George T. McLean	R. B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
37	Fairmont	Lafayette Parkill	F. P. Nelson	Fairmont	Richland	1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month
38	Crystal	William S. Stinson	Henry S. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
39	Mizpah	James L. Green	Charles A. Gram	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
40	Cando	T. W. Conyers	G. F. Elsberry	Cando	Towner	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
41	Maple River	John M. Gifford	John B. Kesler	Edgeley	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
42	Reynolds	James Halliday	M. V. Hostetter	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Mondays of each month
43	Mouse River	Evarts C. Stevens	Jorgen Christianson	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3d Saturdays of each month
44	Tuscan	Nathaniel C. Meighen	Evan B. Goss	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
45	Northern Light	Marvin W. Buck	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
46	Evergreen	Alvin A. Hall	Charles H. Sheldon	Minnewaukan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
47	Willow	Cyrus E. Lawrence	George R. Miller	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
48	Milton	Brynjolff Prom	Frank Briggs	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
49	Liberty	D. C. McColm	W. A. Thompson	Enderlin	Ransom	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
50	Walhalla	John D. Gordon	W. J. Gordon, acting	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
51	Mt. Moriah	James W. Truax	Gustave B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
52	Fidelity	John E. Countryman	John D. Wallace	Drayton	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
53	Harmony	Joseph A. Morrow	John B. Wagner	Lidgerwood	Richland	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
54	Welcome	James M. Stewart	Clifford L. Vaughn	Churches Ferry	Ramsey	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
55	Dacotah	George H. Glass	Samuel Torgerson	Mayville	Traill	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month

American Grand Lodges With Names and Addresses of the Grand Secretary

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Nelson
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver
Georgia	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Connecticut	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington
Delaware	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington
District Columbia	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Florida	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Manitoba	William G. Scott	Winnipeg
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5 N. Howard st
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, 18 Bolyston st
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twing Hartt	St John
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	Gerge A. Pettigrew	Flandreau
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville
Texas	John Watson	Houston
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso
Cuba	Aurelio Mirande	Habana
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria
England	Edward Letchworth	London
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy	Dublin
Mexico	W. J. DeGress, Acting	Mexico
New Zealand	W. Ronaldson	Christchurch
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
Porto Rico	J. Albert Nadal	Mayaguez
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburg
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.
United G. D. L. Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
Canada	John S. Denar	London, Ont
Colorado	Horace T. DeLong	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton
District of Columbia	William A. Gatley	Washington
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City
Georgia	B. B. Paterson	Baxley
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraus
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St.
Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Road.
Kansas	Henry C. Loomis	Winfield
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans
Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn

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Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
Massachusetts		
Michigan	A. B. Chase	
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena
Nebraska	John A. Enehardt	Stanton
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hildreth	Manchester
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
New York	Oscar L. Eastman	Rondout
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshall	Annapolis Royal
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Henry E. Vaughan	Sydney
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	Ambrose L. Brown	Charlottetown
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrioch	Hull
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton st
South Carolina	J. F. C. DuPre	Fort Hill
South Dakota	William Blatt	Yankton
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide
Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell.	
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor	Morristown
Texas	J. B. Moore	Cameron
Utah	John Alfred Reeves	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St. Johnsbury
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland
Victoria	William Pie	Melbourne
*Washington		
West Virginia	Michael Emsheimer	Wheeling
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett	Eau Claire
*Wyoming		

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GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama		
Arizona	William H. Topping	Grand Forks
Arkansas	W. A. McKean	Sanborn
British Columbia	Victor S. Stickney	Dickinson
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
California	Thomas Kleinogel	Fargo

GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Canada	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
England		
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Page
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Casselton
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillboro
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Lisbon
Maine	Robert D Hoskins	Bismarck
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fort Totten
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope
New Hampshire	James D. Trenholme	Bathgate
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot
New Mexico		
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck
New Zealand	David E. Morgan	Devils Lake
New South Wales	Robert J. Mitchell	Sheldon
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	Draper A. Lindsey	Fargo
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Cassselton
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson.	Fargo
South Australia	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Scotland	Grant Hager	St. Thomas
Tennessee		

GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia	Frank H. Rahders	Lakota
Victoria		
Washington	Fred D. Alpin	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert LaDu	Lisbon
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
*Wyoming		

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LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS A PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA

Year	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.	GRAND TREASURER	GRAND SECRETARY
1875	Thomas H. Brown....	Franklin J. Dewitt..	Calvin G. Shaw.....	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*....	M. W. Bailey.....
1876	Henry H. Blair.....	George H. Hand*....	Bligh E. Wood.....	Robt C. Hawkins....	James B. Watson.....	M. W. Bailey.....
1877	George H. Hand*....	William H, Miller..	Robt C, Hawkins.....	James B. Watson.....	Daniel Niles.....	W. E. Caton.....
1878	George H. Hand*....	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§.....	John L. Turner.....	Charles F. Mallahan..	C. T. McCoy.....
1879	George H. Hand*....	Henry H. Folk§.....	John L. Turner.	James A. Wallace.....	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy.....
1880	George H. Hand*....	Henry H. Folk§.....	Silas M. Palmer.....	James S. Campbell†..	Oscar S. Gifford.....	C. T. McCoy.....
1881	Thomas H. Brown...	Albert O Ingallist..	Thomas J Wilder*†..	George W. Kingsbury	Merritt H. Day.....	C. T. McCoy.....
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E West†§....	John Davidson*†.....	David C. Thomas....	Thomas J. Wilder*†..	C. T. McCoy.....
1883	Oscar S. Gifford.....	John F. Schrader....	Henry H. Herrick....	Abner E. Hitchcock..	Leonard R. Graves..	C. T. McCoy.....
1884	John F. Schrader....	William Blatt.... ..	Sylvester J. Conklin..	Henry M. Wheeler†...	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy.....
1885	William Blatt.....	Henry M. Wheeler†	John Q. A. Braden....	Samuel Roy*.	Charles E. Boyden....	C. T. McCoy.....
1886	William Blatt.....	Henry M, Wheeler†	John Q. A. Braden....	N. C. Whitefield....	George W. Snow.....	C. T. McCoy .....
1887	Henry M. Wheeler†...	John Q. A. Braden..	N. C. Whitefield.....	James W Cloes§†....	Edward G. Benke....	C. T. McCoy.....
1888	John Q. A Braden....	George V. Ayers....	James W. Cloes§† ..	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale.....	C T. McCoy.....
1889	James W. Cloes (6)....	Frank J. Thompson(1)	John F. Selby (10)....	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Chas. E. Jackson (2)	David S. Dodds (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F Selby (10)...	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon 13)	William A. Bentley (5)	Thomas J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)....	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Wm. H Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thomas J Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James (23)...	Frank J Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)....	William James (23)...	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	Wm. James (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	Wm. T. Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson (15)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins (5)	Robt M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)...	Frank J Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)..	John A Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)..	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)...	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. E. Branch (6)..	Clinton D. Lord (26)..	Frank J Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)..	Clinton D. Lord (26)..	Frank J Thompson (1)

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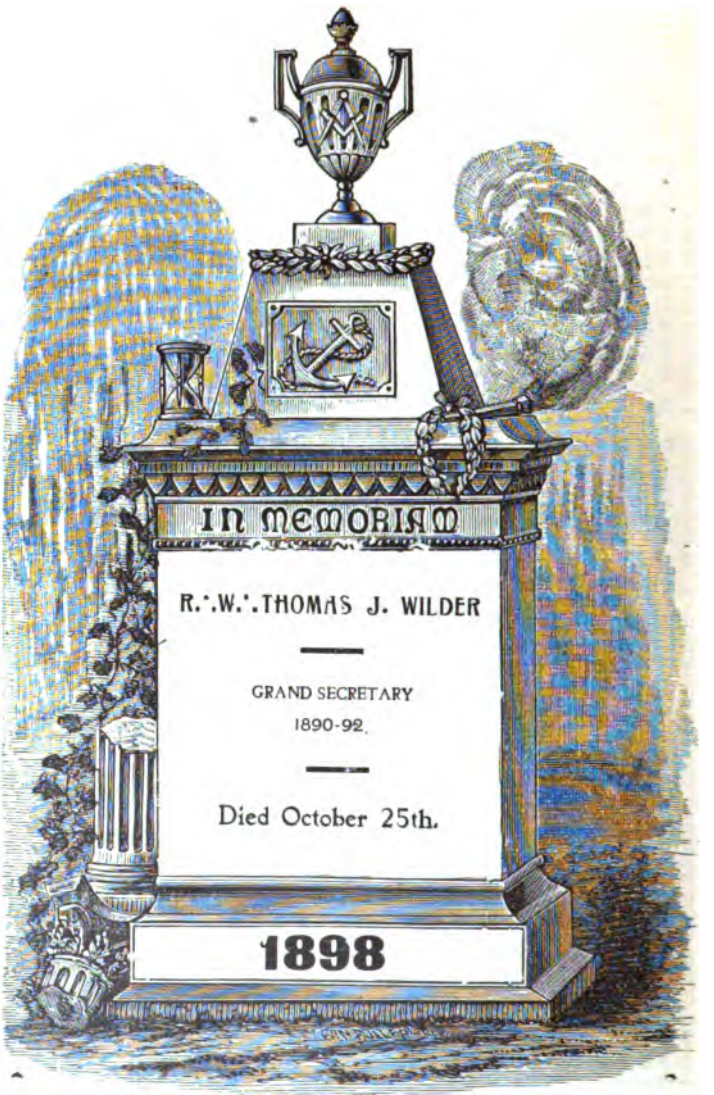
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GRAND SECRETARY
1890-92.
Died October 25th.
1898

IN MEMORIAM
R.·.W.·.FRANK A. BRIGGS
GRAND TREASURER
1891-92.
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At the Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota, held in the City of Fargo, June 20th and 21st, the following officers were elected, appointed and installed:

ELECTED.

John A. Percival (21)	M.·.W.·.Grand Master	Devils Lake
Edwin H. James (30)	R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master	St. Thomas
Thomas L. Foulks (12)	R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden	Lisbon
Walter L. Stockwell (11)	R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden	Grafton
Clinton D. Lord (26)	R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer	Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1)	R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary	Fargo

APPOINTED.

Daniel C. McColm (49)	W.·.Grand Chaplain	Enderlin
Thomas Kleinogel (1]	W.·.Senior Grand Deacon	Fargo
Thomas E. Fox (47)	W.·.Junior Grand Deacon	Willow City
James W. Foley (5)	W.·.Senior Grand Steward	Bismarck
Louis A. Jacobson (27)	W.·.Junior Grand Steward	Hope
James T. Blacklock (35)	W,·.Grand Marshal	Hamilton
Thomas Harrison (10)	W.·.Grand Sword Bearer	address, Blanchard
William Spriggs (4)	W,·.Grand Pursuivant	Grand Forks
John Scott (29)	W.·.Grand Lecturer	Oakes
James Johnson (33)	W.·.Grand Tyler	Minot
*Herbert J. Gibson (1)	W,·.Deputy Grand Secretary	Fargo

*Appointed by R.·.W.·.Grand Secretary.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

M. .W.·.Frank Thompson (1) ..... Fargo

Next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Fargo, beginning June 19, 1900, at high twelve.

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Thomas Harrison (10) .....W∴ Grand Sword Bearer
Wallace Huff (4) .. .. as .. .. W∴ Grand Pursuivant
John Scott (29) ....W∴ Grand Lecturer
James Johnson (33) ..... ∴.... .....W∴ Grand Tyler
Herbert J. Gibson (1).. .....W∴ Deputy Grand Secretary

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W∴ Bro. Thomas Kleinogel (1) moved:—
That a committee of three be appointed on credentials.
Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee, W∴ Dennis W. Coleman (13), W∴ Warren S. Willson (14), W∴ John McDonald (28).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴, of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We find the following Grand, Past Grand Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Representatives from particular Lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

John A. Percival (21).... .. ..M∴ W∴ Grand Master

Edwin H. James (30) ..... R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12) ..... R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Walter L. Stockwell (11) ..... R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26) ..... R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1) ..... R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
Sylvester J. Hill (1) ..... as ..... W.·. Grand Chaplain
Thomas Kleinogel (1) ..... W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Thomas E. Fox (47) ..... W.·. Jurnior Grand Deacon
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John Scott (29) ..... W.·. Grand Lecturer
James Johnson (33) ..... W.·. Grand Tyler
Herbert J. Gibson (1) ..... W.·. Deputy Grand Secretary

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1) ..... P.·. G.·. M.·.
John F. Selby (10) ..... P.·. G.·. M.·.
James McDonald (11) ..... P.·. G.·. M.·.
George L. McGregor (6) ..... P.·. G.·. M.·.
George H. Keyes (13) ..... P.·. G.·. M.·.
William James (23) ..... P.·. G.·. S.·. W.·.
William A. Bentley (5) ..... P.·. G.·. Treasurer
George A. Luce (27) ..... P.·. G.·. Treasurer
Charles A. Harris (11) ..... P.·. G.·. Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43) ..... P.·. G.·. Treasurer

JURISPRUDENCE:—M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), M.·. W.·. Geo. L. McGregor (6), M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1), M.·. W.·. James McDonald (11), M.·. W.·. Geo. H. Keyes (13).

FINANCE:—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. Grant S. Hager (30), E. George Guhrie (3), W.·. Robert Morrison (2), W.·. Walter J. Lorshbough (1).

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS:—W.·. John McDonald (28), W.·. James H. McHolland (22), W.·. Halley V. Hicks (29), John Nelson (16).

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

Shiloh Lodge No. 1.....William A. Scott, W. M.
Herbert J. Gibson, S. W.
Elmer E. Kaufman, J. W.
Pembina Lodge No. 2.....Robert Morrison, S. W., W. M.*, J. W.*
Casselton Lodge No. 3.....H. John Rowe.**
Acacia Lodge No. 4.....Wallace Huff, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Bismarck Lodge No. 5 .....James W. Foley, W. M. S. W.,* J. W.*
Jamestown Lodge No. 6.....Alfred Steel, W. M. S. W.,* J. W.*
Valley City Lodge No. 7.....Chessmur A. Fisher, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Mandan Lodge No. 8.....Not represented.
Cereal Lodge No. 9..... William J. Sansburn, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Hillsboro Lodge No. 10.....John F. Selby.**
Crescent Lodge No. 11.....John H. Fraine W. M., J. W.*
Frank H. Sprague, S. W.**
Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12...Thomas A. Boyden, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Ellendale Lodge No. 13.....Dennis W. Coleman, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Sanborn Lodge No. 14.....Warren S. Willson, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Wahpeton Lodge No. 15.....Horace G. Klepper, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
North Star Lodge No. 16.....Oscar H. Phillips, W. M., J. W.*
Charles O. Platt, S. W.**
Minto Lodge No. 17.....Not represented.
Mackey Lodge No. 18.....Not represented.
Goose River Lodge No. 19.....Not represented.
Hiram Lodge No. 20.....Joseph E. Garwood, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21.....Not represented.
Tongue River Lodge No. 22.....James A. Wilson, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Bathgate Lodge No. 23.....Peter Cameron, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Euclid Lodge No. 24 .....Not represented.
Anchor Lodge No. 25.....Not represented.
Golden Valley Lodge No. 26.....Alex. Bannerman, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*

Occidental Lodge No. 27.... ....Benjamin F. Walden.**
Forest River Lodge No. 28.....John McDonald.**
Hope Lodge No. 29.....Frank W. Waldron, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Temple Lodge No. 30..... .. Joseph Garnett, J. W., W. M.,* S. W*
Golden Fleece Lodge No. 31....Not represented.
Dickinson Lodge No. 32.....John Riessbeck, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Star in the West Lodge No. 33..James Johnson.**
Lebanon Lodge No. 34.... .....Not represented
Hamilton Lodge No. 35.. .....George F. Erskine, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
St. Johns Lodge No. 36.....Not represented.
Fairmount Lodge No 37.....Myron J. Holley, W. M., S. W.* Leroy Wetherbee, J. W.
Crystal Lodge No. 38..... .....Fred K. Weiss, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Mizpah Lodge No. 39.....James L. Green, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Cando Lodge No. 40 .....Harry Lord, J. W., W. M.,* S. W.*
Maple River Lodge No. 41.....Not represented.
Reynolds Lodge No. 42..... ....Danna B. Smith.**
Mouse River Lodge No. 43.....Jorgen Christiansen.**
Tuscan Lodge No 44 .....Not represented.
Northern Light Lodge No. 45....Not represented.
Evergreen Lodge No. 46.....Abram Lent, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Willow Lodge No. 47.....Donald A. Crites, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Milton Lodge No. 48.... .....James T. McCulloch, W. M.. S. W..* J. W.*
Liberty Lodge No. 49.....Not represented.
Walhalla Lodge No. 50..... Thomas J. Sharp, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*
Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 51.....Not represented.
Fidelity Lodge No. 52 .....Daniel R. Buchanan, J. W., W. M.* S. W.*
Harmony Lodge No. 53.....John A. Black, S. W., W. M.* William I. Irvine, J. W.**
Welcome Lodge No. 54.....Not represented.
Dacotah Lodge No. 55.....Joseph M. Stewart, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Carrington Lodge U. D.....Emery T. Guptil, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hankinson Lodge U. D.....William E. Spotten, W. M., S. W..* J. W.*
Khurum Lodge U. D.....Charles Harshman, S. W., W. M.,* J. W.*

Independence Lodge U. D. ....Not represented.
Century Lodge U. D.....Not represented.
Devotion Lodge U. D..... John F. McGlenn, W. M., J. W.*
Isaac N. Jones, S. W.**
Hunter Lodge U. D.....Not represented.

*And Proxy for Master or Wardens.

**Not an officer, but representing Lodge or proxy for Master or Wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Alabama .... M. J. Holley (37).
California ....Thomas Kleinogel (1).
Delaware ....Walter L. Stockwell (11).
Illinois..... ....E. George Guthrie (3).
Kansas ....John F. Selby (10).
Mississippi ....George L. McGregor (6).
Missouri ....George A. Luce (27).
New Brunswick ....Louis A. Jacobson (27).
New Jersey ....James Johnson (33).
New York ....Sylvester J. Hill (1).
North Carolina .... James McDonald (11).
Ohio .... Draper A. Linusey (1).
Oregon ....H. John Rowe (3).
Peru.. .. ..John F. Selby (10).
South Dakota.. .. ..Frank J. Thompson (1).
South Australia .. ..John McDonald (28).
Tennessee ....Grant S. Hager (30).
Utah ....Edwin H. James (30).
Washington ....Fred D. Aplin (12).
Wisconsin ....Evarts C. Stevens (43).

Fraternally submitted,

DENNIS W. COLEMAN (13),
WARREN S. WILLSON (14),
JOHN McDONALD (28),
Committee.

INVITATION.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved

That all resident and sojourning Masons in good standing be invited to attend the Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

JOHN A. PERCIVAL

GRAND MASTER 1899-1900

MINUTES APPROVED.

R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last Grand Annual Communication be dispensed with, and they be adopted and approved as appearing in the printed proceedings.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a committee on Division and Reference be appointed to whom shall be referred all reports of the Grand Officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master appointed as such Committee: W∴ John H. Fraine (11), W∴ Halley V. Hicks (29), William I. Irvine (53).

MILITARY LODGE

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That a Committee of three be appointed to whom shall be referred all questions relating to the late Military Lodge.

Carried.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER 1900.

M∴ W∴ Bro. John A. Percival (21), Grand Master, then read his annual address.

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge: We are again assembled in Annual Communication as the immediate representatives of the body of Masons in our jurisdiction, for the purpose of reviewing our actions during the past year, and providing for the future welfare of our ancient and honorable Institution.

Another year is now numberd with the past, with its lights and shades, its pleasures and afflictions. Its works, finished and unfinished, its opportunities and privileges, have given place that the record of a new year may be begun and ended. The acts which we have performed, the opportunities neglected, have become a part of the immutable record of the past.

During the past year, we have each labored as individuals, in our several stations, by our firesides, in our lodge rooms and among the brethren, and are now assembled in the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge to consider the requirements and draw our designs upon the trestle board of the future; to make report of our work, of pleasures enjoyed, and, perhaps, of disappointments and sorrows.

During the year, peace and prosperity have spread their balmy wings about us. Our fair state, no longer content with its splendid climate and its beautiful prairies, has thrown off her swaddling clothes of infancy and by the onward and upward hand of progress is showing remarkable development. Only a few years back, the red man reigned supreme amid the primeval surroundings of his tepee where now beautiful hamlets, growing towns, flourishing schools, churches and Masonic Lodges are springing up; and today the citizens of North Dakota are prosperous, contented and happy.

In presenting this, my annual report, I shall endeavor briefly to call your attention to my official acts during the past year, and in so doing, crave your indulgence for the imperfect and many times unsatisfactory manner in which such duties have been performed. And first permit me to make due acknowledgement for the uniformly fraternal and kindly courteous treatment which I have received from the brothers upon all occasions.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

By the protecting care of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we are permitted to assemble. By His mercy, we are permitted to live and enjoy the blessings of life. While no past or present Grand Officers have been called to the Great Beyond, yet the "grim messenger" has been among us during the past year, and seventeen of the Subordinate Lodges have been called upon to mourn the death of twenty-three of their members.

Our sister Grand Juisdictions have parted with many eminent Masons, among them I have collected the following:

Alphonso Barto, of Minnesota, born May 27, 1834; died Nov. 4, 1899 He was elected Grand Master in 1891. Was a member of a Royal Arch Chapter, also of a Commandery of the Knights Templar, possessing so

much zeal for the craft, that, it is said, he at one time mortgaged his home in order to provide money necessary to start a Chapter.

Alfred Stephen Richardson, of Texas. He was born in said state when it was a part of Mexico, on August 16, 1830; died Oct. 30th, 1899. Was Grand Master in 1890; he was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1871 and 1873, being the only Sir Knight ever honored by being elected for two terms of that Grand Commandery.

Dwight Phelps, of Connecticut ,born Sept. 3, 1834; died Sept. 6, 1899. He served his Grand Lodge as Grand Master in 1878, was Grand High Priest in 1880 and Puissant Grand Master in 1877.

Alexander M. Evans, of West Virginia, born Nov. 30, 1842; died Oct. 16, 1899. He had filled the offices of Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, Dep. Grand Master and Grand Master, and was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1890.

Christian Hartman, of Nebraska, born May 7, 1844; died Sept. 28, 1899. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for more than 20 years.

John S. Cross, of Michigan, born May 4, 1849; died Sept. 18, 1899. Was Grand Master in 1890; was also an honored member of both Chapter and Commandery.

Edward C. Mahon, of Nova Scotia, born June 13, 1837; died March 8, 1899. He had served his Grand Lodge as Grand Lecturer, Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master. On the evening of his death, he was present at the annual election of the officers of his lodge, appearing to be in good health, and with usual interest in the proceedings, after which, returning to his home, he soon afterwards passed away.

John J. Sumpter of Arkansas, born July 7, 1842; died June 22, 1899. He was Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter in 1882. Deputy Grand Commander of Grand Commandery in 1883 and Grand Master of Grand Lodge in 1884.

Cyrus K. Holliday, of Kansas, born April 3, 1826; died March 29, 1900. He served his lodge as Warden and Master and was for five successive terms elected Deputy Grand Master. He it was who selected the site and who was largely instrumental in having the City of Topeka made the Capital of the State.

John Speed Smith of Kentucky ,born in 1844; died Feb. 8, 1900. Was elected Grand Master in 1892, Grand High Priest in 1899, and Grand Prelate of Grand Commandery for 1899-1900.

Franklin Barlow Sexton, of Texas, born April 29, 1828; died May 15, 1900. Was Grand Master in 1856; Grand High Priest in 1867; Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1870.

Silas Elam Sheldon, of Kansas, born June 5, 1837; died April 19, 1900. Was Grand Master in 1886; Grand High Priest in 1881 and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1876.

Edward Augustus Guilbert, of Iowa, born June 12, 1827; died March 4, 1900. He served two years as Grand Master, was elected Grand High Priest in 1871, re-elected in 1872 and was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1874.

Samuel Wright Williams, of Arkansas, born Aug. 23, 1828; died March 14, 1900. Was elected Grand Master in 1870, re-elected in 1871; was Grand High Priest in 1873 and re-elected in 1874; was Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1881 and 1882; was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1873, and was President of the Order of High-priesthood at time of his death.

Thomas Givings Reams, of Oregon, born Dec. 15, 1839; died Feb. 21, 1900. Was elected Grand Master in 1885.

Tom Linton of Colorado, born in England, July 13, 1828; died Jan. 11, 1900. He was Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery and Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge since 1873, being know throughout that Grand Jurisdiction as the 'Old Tyler.'

Henry Chapple, of Montana, born Oct. 1, 1861; died Jan. 10, 1900. Was elected Grand Jnuior Warden in 1897 and was serving as Dep. Grand Master at time of his death.

Robert Clow, of Oregon, born in Scotland, July 10, 1837; died Jan. 5, 1900. He was Grand Master two years, 1877 and 1878. Brother Clow had served as a member of each branch of the Legislature and occupied other positions of high honor in his state.

Harrison Dills, of Illinois, born May 13, 1812; died Nov. 1, 1899. He was elected Grand Master in 1857 and served two years; was Grand Treasurer for eleven years and had been a Mason 63 years at the time of his death, all in the state of Illinois.

James Henry Welsh, of Connecticut, born Feb. 10, 1831; died Dec. 16, 1899. He was elected Grand Master in 1896; Grand High Priest in 1882; Grand Master of the Grand Council 1887; and Grand Commander

of the Knights Templar in 1882. He was secretary of the Lodge in which he was raised for twenty-five years.

Isaac LaRue Johnson, of District of Columbia, born Oct. 16, 1837; died Dec. 28, 1899. Was Grand Master in 1874 and 1875; Grand High Priest in 1877 and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery in 1896 and 1897.

Lee A. Hall, of Missouri, born Nov. 26, 1832; died Dec. 15, 1899. He was Grand Master in 1883; Grand High Priest in 1885. He was made a Master Mason in 1854.

Robert Brank Vance, of North Carolina, born April 28, 1828; died Nov. 28, 1899. He was elected Grand Master and in 1890 was Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

CONDITIONS OF THE CRAFT.

The past year has been one of general prosperity to the Craft within this jurisdiction, and a great interest is manifest among the brethren. The officers of the several Lodges are zealous and earnest in their work, and the brethren are enthusiastic, and show great interest in the welfare and prosperity of our beloved Order.

I have granted seven dispensations for new Lodges during the year. Petitions for their formation were presented, signed by more than the requisite number of Masons, and recommended by the nearest Lodge as required. Their several reports have been made and are before you for consideration.

DISPENSATIONS.

Sixteen Dispensations were granted to confer degrees in less than the statutory period, and eight refused.

I have granted dispensations to eight Lodges to elect and install officers, they having failed to elect officers at the time prescribed by their By-Laws.

In all cases of dispensations for the election of officers and the conferring of degrees, I have required notice of the time, and object of holding the meeting named, to be given to all resident members of the Lodge, and the candidate to be well-informed.

On June 22nd, I granted a dispensation to St. Johns' Lodge No. 36 authorizing them to attend church and wear regalia on the occasion of special Masonic service St. John's day, June 25th.

I also approved the action of Mouse River Lodge No. 43 in the amendment of its By-Laws, providing for one meeting a month instead of two meetings, as formerly.

APPOINTMENTS.

Laying Corner Stone, Public High School, Lakota, N. D.

On the 22nd day of June, I appointed Worshipful Master Bro. W. C. Hagler of Euclid Lodge No. 24, my Deputy for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the new Public High School Building about to be erected at Lakota.

WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

On December 1st, I appointed Most Worshipful Brother William T. Perkins, Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, as our delegate to the Washington Memorial to be held on December 14th at Mt. Vernon, District of Columbia, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, known as the "Washington Centennial Celebration." Brother Perkins accepted the commission, and our Grand Lodge was ably represented. He makes the following report:

"Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 22nd, 1900

Grand Master John A. Percival,

Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota.
Most Worshipful Sir:

I beg leave to submit my report as Representative of the Grand Lodge at the "Washington Centennial Observance" of the death of Worshipful Brother George Washington, held at Washington, D. C. and Mt. Vernon, Va., December 14th, 1899.

The press of the country, at the time, presented the details of the celebration, and, doubtless, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will issue for preservation a full report, so that I will but briefly summarize the events of the day.

It was not my privilege to be able to be present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held at Georgetown on the 13th instant, but on the morning of the 14th, we joined the procession of distinguished visiting Masons from all parts of the world, and, under escort of the brethren of the District of Columbia and Virginia, began our pilgrimage

to Mt. Vernon by water down the beautiful Potomac, leaving the city with her solemn tolling bells and swiftly passing Fort Washington booming a salute from her mighty guns.

On our arrival at Mt. Vernon, the line was again formed and marched past the east in front of the mansion where the President, Bro. William McKinley, stood with uncovered head, quietly reviewing this historic parade. As the end approached, he joined the ranks and marched through open lines to the old tomb where the first exercises of the day were held, being an invocation by Bishop Randolph and introductory remarks by Grand Master Burnand of Colorado, after which the line of march was continued to the new tomb which had been magnificently decorated with flowers and evergreens. Here, after prayer, by the Grand Chaplain of Virginia, a ritualistic service was held, the Grand Master of Virginia officiating assisted by the visiting Grand Masters and Representatives The funeral salute was fired by a detachment of the United States troops, the bugler sounded taps and the ever memorable and impressive ceremonies at the tomb were ended. The funeral scene of a century ago had, in part, been re-enacted. the Acacia had been deposited at the grave, a loving tribute, symbolical of the remembrance of a loyal craft.

The procession then moved to the east front of the mansion, and from the porch of the home of that first President, the living president delivered his eloquent tribute to the illustrious dead. He was followed by Grand Master T. W. Duke, Jr. in an appropriate oration, and the memorial services were closed with a benediction.

In the evening a reception was given to visiting Masons and families at Williard's Hotel by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and at eleven o'clock a banquet was given by the Grand Master of Virginia to the Grand Masters and Representatives at the Ebbitt House, both of which were of that high order of hospitality only reached by the unexcelled brethren of Washington and Virginia.

The proceedings throughout were appropriate and impressive, and under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia and her officers and committees, assisted by the distinguished craftsmen of the Grand Lodges of the world, were carried out with dignity and solemnity.

I shall always esteem it a great privilege to have been in the City of Washington and at Mt. Vernon on this memorable occasion, and to have participated as your delegate in the Masonic ceremonies attendant upon this, the one-hundredth anniversary of the burial of our Great First President.

The Grand Master's Badge, presented by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and the apron also worn on this occasion, together with a spray of

evergreen taken from the tomb, I have presented to the Grand Secretary as relics for the Grand Lodge Library as of some possible future historical value to be appreciated by the members who are to follow when we of this Grand Lodge of today have all passed to the great and unknown beyond.

Brothers Marshall H. Jewell of Bismarck, and Ormsby McHarg, of Jamestown, being in Washington at the time, joined with me as delegates and attended the several ceremonies, and, with me, in this connection wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness and courtesies extended by the Washington and Virginia Masons.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very courteously and fraternally,

WILLIAM THOMAS PERKINS,
P. G. M.

NEW LODGES.

Jannary 3rd, 1900, a Dispensation was granted for a new Lodge at Carrington, Foster County, to be known as Carrington Lodge U. D., with

Bro. Emery T. Guptil as W. M.
Bro. Robert A. Bill as S. W.
Bro. Thomas N. Putnam as J. W.

January 6th, 1900, I granted a Dispensation to Hankinson Lodge U. D., located at Hankinson, Richland County, with

Bro. W. E. Spotten as W. M.
Bro. Hans A. Alm as S. W.
Bro. R. Hankinson as J. W.

On January 9th, 1900, I issued Dispensation for a new Lodge at Gilby, Grand Forks County, to be known as Khurum Lodge U. D., with

Bro. John M. Edes as W. M.
Bro. Chas. Harshman as S. W.
Bro. Wm. Douglass as J. W.

On January 24th, 1900, I issued Dispensation for a new Lodge at Leal, Barnes County, to be known as Independence Lodge U. D., with

Bro. George B. Simpson as W. M.
Bro. Frank Lannon as S. W.
Bro. H. W. Greene as J. W.

On the 20th of February, 1900, I issued a Dispensation for a new

Lodge at New Rockford, Eddy County, to be known as Century Lodge U. D., with

Bro. William E. Biggs as W. M.
Bro. Charles E. Clure as S. W.
Bro. Ernest S. Severtson as J. W.

On March 20th, 1900, I issued a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Harvey, Wells County, to be known as Devotion Lodge U. D., with

Bro. J. F. McGlenn as W. M.
Bro. Clayton Fox as S. W.
Bro. W. W. Brant as J. W.

On April 18th, 1900, I issued a Dispensation for a new Lodge at Hunter, Cass County, to be known as Hunter Lodge U. D., with

Bro. W. H. Rodgers as W. M.
Bro. C. A. Tubbs as S. W.
Bro. C. W. Turner as J. W.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

The Grand Lodge, at its last session, granted Charters to
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 51, Williston,
Fidelity Lodge No. 52, at Drayton,
Harmony Lodge No. 53, at Lidgerwood,
Welcome Lodge No. 54, t Churches Ferry, and
Dacotah Lodge No. 55, at Mayville.

The Charters were issued to these Lodges soon after the close of our last session.

I issued a commission appointing M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby (10), Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, my special Deputy, to constitute Dacotah Lodge No. 55 and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"Hillsboro, N. D., August 1st, 1899.

Hon. John A. Percival,
Devils Lake, N. D.

M.·. W.·. Sir and Bro:—

I respectfully submit to your Most Worshipful Sir a report of my proceedings under the deputation for the constitution of Dacotah Lodge No. 55 A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.

We were received with a royal Masonic welcome and feasted by the ladies of Williston in a princely manner. This Lodge is well equipped for good work. Its officers are bright and well skilled in the mysteries and I bespeak for it a happy Masonic future.

DECISIONS.

During the past year I have been requested to make a number of rulings upon points of Masonic Law and Usage. In nearly every case, these requests were answered by a simple reference to the dcisions already made and approved by this Grand Lodge. Decisons of this character, I do not take the trouble to report, as it would simply burden the proceedings with matters already published and within the reach of all who take the trouble to look for them. I report the following as not embraced in the digest above referred to:

Question No. 1.—Does the amendment of Section No. 50, Grand Lodge By-Laws, repeal the last two lines of Section 27?

Answer.—I am of the opinion that the amendment repeals so much of Section 27 as conflicts with Section 50 as amended. The amendment is explicit and equivocal. When one has received any of the degrees, he has a Masonic standing and is entitled to all the rights of all the symbolic degrees, by virtue of his good standing as an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft. Therefore, his right to advancement cannot be abridged or taken away, except through a trial at which he is entitled to be heard in his own defense.

Question No. 2.—Can a Lodge dimit an Entered Apprentice?

Answer.—No. Dimits are granted only to Master Masons and members of the Lodge.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

January 3rd, 1900, a commission was issued to V.·. W.·. A. B. Templeman to represent this Grand Lodge near that of Victoria. Bro. Templeman is Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and was duly recommended by M.·. W.·. Grand Master Bro. Lord Brassey.

THE GRAND LECTURER.

The Grand Lecturer has ably performed his duties during the past year, having held schools of instruction in all the districts, and generally with a large attendance. The general work of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction is excellent, and I would recommend a continuance of the same plan that now prevails.

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

I am under great obligations to our Grand Secretary for his valuable assistance. Too much credit cannot be bestowed upon him for his economical management of the Grand Lodge business. To him we are indebted for our most excellent Library and for the valuable Grand Lodge Register. This alone is worth many times its cost, containing, as it does, the Masonic history of every member of the subordniate Lodges from their existence to the present time. I trust the Grand Lodge will deal liberally with this office in appropriating sufficient funds to assist the Grand Secretary in his work, and to obtain large additions to the Library.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, my brethren, let me urge that we renew our zeal and devotion to our beloved Institution, an Institution that has lived and flourished longer than any other society ever established by the hand of man. Let us draw a fresh inspiration and take unto ourselves a new lease as to the future, and continue to keep pace in the rapid strides of development of our beloved state in its material prosperity. To this end, let the local members of our Order extend fraternal greetings and cordial welcome to Masons of every clime who may cast their lot among them, and thus, by the endearing ties of a common brotherhood, secure the affiliation of these brethren, thereby strengthening our hands and enlarging our borders.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. PERCIVAL, (21)
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer submits the following report of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the fiscal year ending June 18th, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

1899.

June 20th, Cash on hand as per last report	$3553.40
July 13th, Received from Grand Secretary	150.00
Dec. 20th, Received from Grand Secretary	12.50
1900.	
Jan. 5th, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00

Jan. 9th, Received from Grand Secretary	40.00
Jan. 18th, Received from Grand Secretary	728.45
Jan. 29th, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
Feb. 21st, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
March 29th, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
April 23rd, Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 13th, Received from Grand Secretary	721.82
June 18th, Received from Grand Secretary	3719.50
Total	$9025.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

1899.	
June 21st, Paid by Order No. 66, (mileage)	679.30
June 30th, Paid by Order No 58	100.00
June 30th, Paid by Order No. 59	50.00
June 30th, Paid by Order No. 60	200 00
June 30th, Paid by Order No. 61	133.57
June 30th, Paid to Order No. 62	2.25
June 30th, Paid by Order No. 63	80.63
June 30th, Paid by Order No. 64	17.54
July 8th, Paid by Order No. 65	10.00
Aug. 1st, Paid by Order No. 67	80.62
Sept. 5th, Paid by Order No. 68	126.46
Sept. 11th, Paid by Order No. 69	80.63
Sept. 23rd, Paid by Order No. 70	127.50
Sept. 23rd, Paid by Order No. 71	25.00
Sept. 30th, Paid by Order No. 72	80.62
Oct. 11th, Paid by Order No. 73	100.00
Oct. 11th, Paid by Order No. 74	65.00
Oct. 11th, Paid by Order No. 75	5.00
Oct. 19th, Paid by Order No. 76	500.00
Nov. 3rd, Paid by Order No. 77	80.63
Dec. 7th, Paid by Order No. 78	80.62
Dec. 9th, Paid by Order No. 79	28.00
1900.	
Jan. 4th, Paid by Order No. 80	50.00
Jan. 4th, Paid by Order No. 81	80.63
Jan. 19th, Paid by Order No. 82	5.00
Feb. 3rd, Paid by Order No. 83	100.00
Feb. 3rd, Paid by Order No. 84	80.62
Feb. 23, Paid by Order No. 85	20.00
March 3rd, Paid by Order No. 86	80.63
March 29th, Paid by Order No. 87	5.00

April 10th, Paid by Order No. 88	80.62
June 4th, Paid by Order No. 89	708.00
June 4th, Paid by Order No. 90	161.25
June 4th, Paid by Order No. 91	100.00
June 14th, Paid by Order No. 92	100.00
June 15th, Paid by Order No. 93	100.00
June 18th, Balance Cash on Hand	4700.55
Total	$9025.67

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then submitted his report:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

It is my pleasure again to submit my report as your Grand Secretary, being the eighth annual return of my office.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The returns of the various Chartered Lodges were all received within the statutory limits, and all the money paid except in two instances, and these from causes which do not show any willful neglect on the part of the Secretary. A large amount of correspondence, however, has been necessary to straighten out the details of the various reports, and, in many cases, the cause of correspondence was relative to the variation of membership between the local Lodge Membership record and the Grand Lodge Register. In fact the discrepancies were due to the imperfect methods which have heretofore prevailed in local Lodges as regards the manner in which the membership was entered up, and the straightening out is due to the card system and new method of keeping the Register of our membership. I am pleased to state that the Returns are in good order and the data which they contain is correct so far as I am able to ascertain.

From the Returns, I find we have a total membership of 3,492 as against 3,169 last year, a net increase of 323. Last year our net increase was 298.

It may be interesting to give some statistics of the work done and the condition of our Lodges. From the Returns, I find that Shiloh Lodge No. 1 of Fargo, has a membership of 317. During last year, 42 were raised in this lodge and, excepting in one instance, is more than three times as many as in any other Lodge. The next highest number of raisings occurred in Lebanon Lodge No. 34, at Langdon, with 17. The Lodges all show good increases as a rule. I find, however, that Pembina, at Pembina, Goose River, at Portland, Hamilton, at Hamilton and Tuscan at Bottineau raised but one. The next in scantiness of work are Sheyenne Valley Lodge, at Lisbon, Minto, at Minto, Euclid, at Lakota, Temple, at St. Thomas, Crystal, at Crystal, Maple River, at Edgeley, and Mount Moriah, at Williston, each of which raised but two.

The largest amount of dues and fees received is from Shiloh Lodge, $358.75.

I deem it no more than fair that mention should be made of those Lodges whose Annual Returns were in either on the date due or a little before. Such promptness greatly facilitates the work in my office, and kindles a little altar fire in my heart which warms up my appreciation for the help they have given me.

Hope Lodge No. 29, April 21st.
Forest River Lodge No. 28, April 24th.
Tongue River Lodge No. 22, April 28th.
Crescent Lodge No. 11, April 28th.
Bismarck Lodge No. 5, April 28th.
Valley City Lodge No. 7, April 28th.
Anchor Lodge No. 25, April 30th.
Shiloh Lodge No. 1, May 1st.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The Grand Master has said that he issued Dispensations for seven new Lodges. This is the greatest number of new Lodges ever created in any one year during the history of our present Grand Lodge. During the term of office of Grand Master Herrick, 1892-3, Dispensations for six new Lodges were issued.

Among the present new Lodges is the one at Carrington. Most of you are aware that Carrington had a Lodge years ago but that it became defunct. Many of the old brothers have joined the new, and from out of the dust of the past has arisen, what I believe to be, a flourishing Lodge. The old Carrington Lodge should never have become defunct for it had the Jurisdiction from which to draw good material, but unfortunately when its Master, Brother A. C. Halsey, moved from the juris-

diction the life seemed to go out of the Lodge. This is the Lodge which refused to permit its members to chew tobacco in the Lodge room, and if they did they were compelled to swallow the juice. I do not chew tobacco, neither do I commend the habit, but I have found the forcing of theories upon existing conditions is apt to make a failure of each. My lamented predecessor, Thomas J. Wilder, was sent to Carrington to close up the affairs of this Lodge, and I have often heard him tell of his experience. Brother Wilder was, unfortunately, addicted to chewing tobacco, but had not become accustomed to swallowing the liquor, and when he looked around for a cuspidor to relieve himself found there was no receptacle and was informed that there was none to be found in the Lodge. Bro. Wilder had lived a good many years on the frontier and did not appreciate the curtailment of the privileges of every American citizen to chew tobacco if he wanted to, and, after considerable oratory, he started out and found a coal scuttle which he carried into the Lodge room despite the protests that were interposed. I mention this little instance not for its poetical fancy, but simply to illustrate that to keep a Lodge alive the brethren must meet conditions and not try to build on theories.

GRAND LODGE REGISTER MEMBERSHIP.

Having completed the cards of membership for the various bodies, including the years 1898 and 1899, on or about February 15th, 1899, the Card Trays were sent by express to all of the Chartered Lodges except the five chartered at our last Communication. The trays contained a complete record as far as obtainable, of the brothers of each Lodge together with Index Books and other necessary appurtenances to complete the working arrangement of the Card System. Each Lodge was charged 5 cents for each card transcribed, agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, and for the actual cost of the tray, Index Book and what else accompanied the same. The total amount due from the Lodges for these items was $562.32, all of which has been collected and turned over to the Grand Treasurer. The total number of printed cards sent out was 4,924. The estimate made by the Finance Committee at the last annual Communication, as to the amount of receipts to be received from these items, was $427.50. It will be seen that the estimate was conservative, for the Grand Lodge has received the sum of $562.32.

MILITARY LODGE.

On Jan. 17th, 1900, I received from Bro. W. D. Purdon, Treasurer of the Military Lodge U. D., Philippine Islands, the sum of $728.45. I have returned to candidates the sum of $30.00 for fees not earned by the Military Lodge. A formal Waiver of Jurisdiction was printed and

issued, on application, to all who had been elected in the Military Lodge and who desired to complete the Masonic Degrees.

Among the matter turned over to the Grand Secretary by Col. W. C. Trueumann, Worshipful Master of Military Lodge, is a Visiting Register in which are recorded the names of brothers from almost all parts of the world. Also a silver Senior Warden's jewel, which did service in a Military Masonic Lodge in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and which was presented to our Grand Lodge by Bro. John W. Scott who received it as a gift from the Confederate Officer who was its Senior Warden and who, at the time of the close of the War, desired to get to New Orleans on the boat on the Mississippi steamer on which Bro. Scott was the Captain. These are interesting relics whose value will be enhanced as the years go by.

I find from the records of Military Lodge that 100 were elected in that Lodge, most of whom received the Entered Apprentice or the Fellow Craft Degree. None received the Degree of Master Mason, for the reason that the North Dakota Regiment, to which said Lodge was attached, was called to the firing line and did not have another opportunity to hold Lodge Meetings.

LIBRARY.

But little attention has been paid to library matters during the year, but the following list will show what has been added to the miscellaneous volumes.

Words From the Heart—Pike.
Standard Dictionary, 2 vols.—Funk & Wagnalls.
Six Thousand Years History—10 vols.
Papers and Messages of the Presidents, 10 vols.—J. D. Richardson.
Great Battles of all Nations, 2 vols.—A. Wilberforce.
Dictionary U. S. History—J. F. Jameson.
Book of Beginnings, 2 vols.—Gerald Massey.
Natural Genesis, 2 vols.—Gerald Massey.
Assyria, Its Princes, Priests and People—A. H. Sayce, M. A.
Ye Centennial Booke—Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4, R. I.—(donation)
History of Freemasonry—Mackey & Singleton 33°—(donation)
Masonic Life Geo. Washington—Centennial Souvenir.
1799-1899—Mt. Vernon, Va.—Dec. 14—1899 (donation)
Laws Knights Templar—Colorado—1898 (donation)
Constitution and Digest Templar Laws, Kansas, etc.—1899 (donation).
Digest of Edicts & App. Decision Gr. Chapter Arkansas—1898. (donation).

Constitution & By-Laws—New Mexico Gr. Chapter 1899—(donation).

Constitution & Regulations Gr. Lodge California—1899—(donation).

Masonic Code, Iowa—1899 (donation).

Constitution Gr. Lodge Manitoba—1899 (donation).

Masonic Ceremonials Gr. Lodge Manitoba—1899 (donation).

Masonic Code—Gr. Lodge Montana—1900 (donation).

Through courtesy, the Grand Lodge Library is in receipt of the following publications:

American Tyler, Detroit, Mich.
Australasian Keystone, Melbourne, Australia.
Congressional Record.
Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind.
Kansas Craftman, Wichita.
Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind.
Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo.
Masonic Voice & Review, Chicago, Ill.
Masonic Journal, Portland, Me.
Masonic Token, Portland, Me.
Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O.
Masonic Standard, New York.
Square and Compass, New Orleans, La.
The Orient, Kansas City, Mo.
The Pacific Mason, Seattle, Wash.
The Palestine Bulletin, Detroit, Mich.
Texas Freemason, San Antonia, Texas.
The Trestle Board, San Francisco, Cal.
The Signet, Hot Springs, So. Dak.
The Tennessee Mason.

Through courtesy of Congressman Hon. B. F. Spalding, the Congressional Record is received.

I am in hopes that next year when we assemble in Grand Communication the Library will be so that it can be seen in its entirety.

NEW OFFICES, GRAND SECRETARY.

Doubtless most of you have seen or will see the future offices your Grand Secretary will occupy in the New Masonic Temple. It was expected that your Grand Secretary would be located in them at this session of the Grand Lodge, but unforeseen difficulties arose which has made it impossible to do so. The finishing of the rooms will cost smewhat more than was at first estimated and this is due largely to the fact of the increase in the price of building material and labor. There are also a number of small items of expense which arose and which it was impossible

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. James T. Blacklock (35), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that, agreeably to an order from the Grand Master, this Committee convened one day prior to the opening of this Grand Lodge at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has carefully examined the books, records and vouchers in the offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find the same correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts: namely,

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last Fiscal year		$3553.40
Charter Fees—Mt. Moriah, Fidelity, Harmony, Welcome and Dacotah Lodges		150.00
Cash from Dues and Fees 1899-1900		3719.50
Cash from Morals and Dogmas		121.50
Cash for G. L. Fines from 1897-1898, Casselton, Mandan, Hiram and Golden Fleece Lodges		20.00
Cash from sale Grand Lecturer's Mileage		3.00
Cash from sale Grand Lodge Code		1.00
Cash from Trays, Cards, etc		562.32
Cash from Dues of members of defunct lodges		26.50
Cash from Dispensation Fees, Carrington, Hankinson, Khurum Independence, Century, Devotion and Hunter Lodges		161.00
Cash from Military Lodge at Manila		728.45
		$9046.67
Amount due Gr. Sec. Contingent Fund	$ 24.46	
Amount due Gr. Sec. overpaid G. L. Register	83.06	
Amount due Gr. Sec. Morals & Dogmas	5.64	
	$113.16	113.16
		$9159.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Cash paid for Mileage and Per Diem, G. L. Session 1899	$679.30
By Printing 1899 Proceedings	126.46

By 200 copies of Morals and Dogmas and express on same	133.14
By Appropriation—Grand Lecturer	50.00
By Expenses Registry System	233.06
By Charters	65.00
By Miscellaneous Printing	38.98
By Stamps, Box Rent, Postage Due and Revenue Stamps	72.35
By Express and Freight	34.55
By Rent	92.00
By Engrossing Charters	12.00
By Furniture	30.00
By Insurance	7.25
By Telegraphic Message of Congratulations to Military Lodge	14.64
By Binding Index Books—Card System	28.00
By returned fees unearned by Military Lodge	30.00
By Fitting up Offices of Grand Sec. in New Temple	727.78
By Miscellaneous Contingent Expenses	252.69
By Cash on hand—unexpended in fitting up Offices Gr. Sec. in New Temple	480.22
By appropriations not heretofore specified	1330.86
By Amt. Gr. Sec. fees for 7 Dispensations	21.00
By Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	4700.55
	$9159.83

RECAPITULATION.

Balance last fiscal year	$3553.40	
Receipts from all sources	5493.27	
Due Grand Secretary—Amt. overpaid	113.16	
		$9159.83
Total Expenditures	$4459.28	
Amount of Cash on hand	4700.55	
		$9159.83

LIBRARY FUND.

To Cash on hand 1899	$166.13	
To Cash received from Per Capita Tax 1899-1900	331.40	
To Cash return of rent from Local and Grand Bodies	12.00	$509.53

CONTRA.

By Insurance	37.80
By Rent	72.00
By Books and Magazines	98.90

By Furniture	4.00	
By Miscellaneous	31.94	
By Cash on hand	264.89	$509.53

MILITARY LODGE FUND.

Receipts from all sources	$728.45	
CONTRA.		
By return unearned fees	30.00	
Net Balance	698.45	$728.45

We find that Ellendale Lodge No. 13 and Euclid Lodge No. 24 failed to make their report by May 15th, 1900, as provided by the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and we recommend that the fine of $5.00 be imposed on these particular Lodges.

Your committee finds that on account of the enormous rise in the price of building material within the past year, the moneys appropriated at the last session of this Grand Lodge to fit up the offices and library rooms of the Grand Lodge in the new temple is insufficient to complete the work, and

We recommend the further appropriation of $600—to properly complete the work, and that the Grand Commandery and the Grand Chapter appropriate their proportion of one-third of the said sum.

The Committee recommend that the sum of $100.00 be appropriated to H. G. Proctor, Secretary of the Military Lodge, whose labors in completing the records of the Lodge were very great, and that body having turned over for fees the sum of $728.45 to this Grand Body.

Your Committee recommend the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$100.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing Proceedings	150.00
Registry	100.00
Contingent Expenses	600.00
Cash Advanced by Grand Secretary	113.16
For moving and arranging the Grand Lodge property to the new temple	100.00
Total	$1263.16

Your Committee congratulate the Grand Lodge on the excellent con-

dition of the finances, which are more promising than ever in the history of the body.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
WALTER J. LORSHBOUGH (1),
Finance Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

2. That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to granting Dispensations to New Lodges, together with their returns, be referred to a Committee on Lodges U. D.

3. That so much thereof as refers to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That all other matters contained in the Address of Grand Master need no reference, they coming within the purview of his duties.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

5. That the Report of the Grand Treasurer, having been checked up by the Finance Committee, needs no further reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

6. That so much of the Grand Secretary's Report as refers to Returns of Chartered Lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

7. That so much thereof as refers to Grand Secretary's Offices and the finishing of the same, having been considered by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

8. That so much thereof as refers to Financial Statement, his books and vouchers having been considered by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

GRAND LECTURER.

9. That the Report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to a Special Committee on Grand Lecturer.

10. That so much thereof as refers to the Financial part of the report be referred to the Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN H. FRAINE (11),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),
Committee.

NAMES OF COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Jurisprudence—M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), M.·. W.·. George L. McGregor (6), M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1), M.·. W.·. James McDonald (11), M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4), M.·. W.·. George H. Keyes (13).

Finance:—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. Grant S. Hager (30), W.·. E. George Guthrie (3), W.·. Robert Morrison (2), W.·. Walter J. Lorshbough (1).

Grievances and Appeals:—W.·. Walter L. Williamson (25), W.·. John McDonald (28), W.·. James H. McHolland (22), W.·. Halley V. Hicks (29), John Nelson (16).

(The foregoing Committees are Standing Committees.)

Mileage:—Harry Lord (40), W.·. Thomas A. Boyden (12), Charles O. Piatt (16), John A. Black (53), W.·. Alex. Bannerman (26).

Military Lodge—W.·. James W. Foley (5), W.·. John H. Fraine (11), W.·. William C. Treumann (11), W.·. John Riessbeck (32), W.·. Chessmur A. Fisher (7), W.·. William J. Sansburn (9), W.·. Oscar H. Phillips (16).

Obituary:—H. John Rowe (3), Leroy Wetherbee (37), Thomas J. Sharpe (50), Daniel R. Buchanan (52), William I. Irvine (53).

Lodges U. D.:—W.·. Frank H. Sprague (11), W.·. James L. Green (39), Jorgen Christiansen (43), W.·. Donald A. Crites (47), W.·. Joseph M. Stewart (55).

Chartered Lodges:—W.·. Wallace Huff (4), W.·. Alfred Steel (6), W.·. Myron J. Holley (37), W.·. Abram Lent (46), W.·. James T. McCulloch (48).

Grand Lecturer:—W.·. Frank W. Waldron (29), W.·. Peter Cameron (23), W.·. Fred K. Weiss (38), W.·. James A. Wilson (22), Joseph Garnett (30).

The Grand Lodge at this hour, 4:30 p. m., was called to refreshment until sound of the gavel in the East.

EVENING SESSION.

Work by Shiloh Lodge No. 1.

At the invitation of the Grand Lodge, Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo, exemplified and conferred the degree of Master Mason upon Samuel Mathews.

MORNING SESSION—SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 9:45 a. m.

TIME OF ELECTION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. William James (23) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers be made a special order at 11 o'clock a. m.

Carried.

REFERENCE OF REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hagei (30), for and in behalf of the Finance Committee, asked that the last part of the Report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer for 1899 as to paying mileage be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for interpretation. The Grand Master so referred the report. (See pg. 363-4).

REPORT—W∴ BRO. COL. WM. C. TREUMANN ON MILITARY LODGE.

W∴ Bro. Wm. C. Treumann (11), Worshipful Master of the Military Lodge in the Philippine Islands, made the following report, and which, on motion of R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

The records and property of the North Dakota Military Lodge U. D. were forwarded to you some time ago, giving a complete record of the work of the Lodge while in the Philippines. I would like to add a brief report as an explanation of the record and a review of our Masonic experiences during our service in those far off Islands. Leaving Fargo May 26th, 1898, the regiment arrived in San Francisco June 1st. The news that we carried with us a dispensation for a Field Lodge had preceded us, and, while we were still busily engaged making our men and ourselves comfortable at our camp in the sand lots near Presideo, a delegation of brethren, headed by Brother Charles L. Field, called at headquarters. They had visited every incoming regiment to get acquainted with the brethren of the organization and to extend to them fraternal welcome. They were surprised to find so many Masons in the First North Dakota, more than in all the other regiments then in camp. During our stay in San Francisco, we were royally entertained by the Masonic bodies of the city and the Lodge in Okland. The brethren spared no trouble and expense, and we are indebted to them for many courtesies extended. We met many North Dakotans who came from different parts of California to see their friends in the regiment before ts departure for Manila. We visited frequently at Mission Lodge which has one of the finest Lodge rooms in the Pacific coast. The Master of this Lodge, Brother W. H. Cobb, is well known in this state, being a former resident of Grafton. On the 28th of June, we marched to the dock and boarded the Transport Valencia for our long journey across the Pacific. Our Masonic brethren were out in full force to bid us God Speed and a safe return. The first few days of our journey were very stormy, and while the First North Dakota made for itself an enviable record, on land, I must admit that we were not as successful as sailors. My adjuant was sick before we were a cable length away from the dock. Many had intended sending a short message with the pilot when he left the vessel to be mailed to loved ones at home but all were too busy paying tribute to Neptune, feeding the fishes and the pilot was not burdened with a heavy mail. After a short stop of 12 hours at Honolulu, that Paradise of the Pacific, we headed for Manila, arriving off Corregidor Island on the morning of July 31st. Slowly

sailing up the beautiful bay, all glasses were turned in the direction of Manila which lay before us like a panorama. We anchored off Cavite, made famous by Dewey's great victory over the Spanish fleet. A number of the sunken vessels lay under the forts where they had vainly sought shelter from the destructive fire of the American fleet. Their guns were dismantled, turrets and upper works riddled with shot and shell from the unerring aim of Dewey's gunners. It was an object lesson not soon to be forgotten of the awful destructiveness of modern engines of war. Off to the north lay Manila where the flags of proud old Spain still floated defiantly from the forts and many public buildings.

The regiment was landed at Cavite and in a few days taken across the bay to Pranaqua and marched to Camp Dewey, which, during the dry season, is a peanut field but on our arrival was covered with six inches to a foot of water. The natives did a thriving business selling bamboo cots to the soldiers. These cots were just about high enough to keep the men out of the water and by stretching a shelter tent over them offered a protection against the rays of the tropical sun, but a shelter tent will not keep out the rains of the Philippines. On the 12th of August the regiment went into the trenches south of Manila, and the next day took part in the assault on the city in Gen. McArthur's Brigade on the extreme right of the line, in the vicinity of Block House "14," a Spanish stronghold made famous during the operations about Manila and later during the Philippine Insurrection. On the 14th of August, the regiment was assigned to quarters in Malate, one of the suburbs of Manila, on the shore of the beautiful bay.

The barracks for the men were constructed of bamboo, elevated several feet above the ground, the sides and roof thatched with nipa palm leaves, cool and comfortable quarters when not too crowded. The officers of the regiment, 30 in number, besides the non-commissioned staff, were assigned to one building and for several weeks men and officers had scarcely room enough to lie down for needed rest. This condition, however, was relieved when the Philipino troops, who held possession of portions of the suburbs, moved outside of the old Spanish lines.

A week after we entered the city. On the 21st of August, 1898, I called the first meeting of the Lodge at regimental headquarters, and it was necessary to ask officers and others who were not members to retire from the building while we were in session. The following officers named in the dispensation were present:

Lieut. Colonel W. C. Truemann, W.·. M.·., Major Frank White, S. W.·. and Major John H. Fraine, J.·. W.·. Captain W. R. Purdon was elected Treasurer, and Lieut. H. G. Proctor, Secretary. The following were appointed: Lieut. C. W. Getchell, Senior Deacon, Lieut. E. C. Gearey, Jr., Junior Deacon and Sergt. Major C. S. Cairncross, Tyler.

A committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed, also one to

secure a suitable Lodge Room. The latter was a difficult problem as a suitable hall was not to be had in Manila. A residence, however, was found within a few blocks of headquarters, which, after removing several partitions, answered our purpose. The necessary furniture was bought or ordered made by Filipinos and No. 69, Callo Nueva, Malate, became the cradle of American Masonry in the Philippines.

Meetings were held every Wednesday and Sunday evenings and were always largely attended. I never have had, or can I ever again expect to have, the pleasure of presiding over such enthusiastic Masonic meetings as those held in Manila. Nearly every organization in the 8th Army Corps was represented, and men from the Navy were in frequent attendance.

Our Visitors' Register is a masonic relic and contains the names of brethren from all parts of our own country, from Australia, Hongkong, Yokohama and other Oriental Lodges. Englishmen, Germans, Swiss and Spaniards, all found fraternal welcome at our Lodge Room.

Chaplain Pierce of the 14th U. S. Infantry, of whom frequent mention is made in the Press, was a regular attendant. He urged the establishment of a Protestant Cemetery at Manila, a most worthy object, and the Lodge contributed $100.00 in gold toward a fund to purchase the necessary tract of land.

On Christmas Day, at the invitation of Maj. Frank M. Foote, of the 1st Wyoming, Past Grand Commander of Wyoming, all Knights Templar in Manila were requested to assemble at high twelve at the Grand Luneta Hotel to participate in the customary Christmas Observance. About 25 Sir Knights were present, nine of whom were from our regiment. Among those in attendance was the venerable Col. Smith of the 1st. Tennessee, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, who died on the firing line on the 4th of February. Sir Knight Colonel Victor Duboce, of San Francisco, acted as Toast Master. A cablegram was sent to Grand Master Reuben H. Lloyd of California. The meeting was a very enjoyable one, but owing to the strained condition about Manila nd the hostile attitude of the Filipinos, who practically besieged the city, it was not advisable for officers to absent themselves from their commands for any length of time, and after an hour of social goodfellowship we dispersed.

We obtained much valuable and authentic information regarding Spanish Masonry and the Katapunan Society in the Philippines from a Spanish brother who addressed the Lodge on this subject at one of its meetings. Brother Juan Utro Fernandez is an enthusiastic Mason and exhibited his credentials from which it appears that at the meeting of the Grand Council of Scottish Rite Masons held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1894, he was made the representative of that body for Spain, a distinction of which he is very proud. From him we learned that a Masonic Lodge flourised in Manila for

a number of years but the antagonism of the church was too great, men known to be members met with all manner of persecution. Banishment to other islands was a common penalty, families were scattered to all parts of the Spanish possessions, the father isolated in the interior or to some far off island.

A brother in Manila handed me a Spanish document, being a decree from the Archbishop of Manila addressed to the governors of several of the provinces, containing the names of men suspected of being masons and ordering that they be apprehended. Appended to the document are the reports of the several Governors and other officials. I was requested to submit the document to the Grand Lodge of our State that it might be translated. The Lodge in Manila continued to meet in secret for some time after the persecution began but its adversaries were powerful and numerous and it was finally obliged to succumb.

Many prominent Filipinos of the educated class had become members of the Order, and after the turbulent times began in the islands revolutionary societies were organized, and many of them became leaders of the people in their revolt against Spanish rule. It is said that Aguinaldo and a number of his prominent officers and advisers were members of the Spanish Lodge in Manila. Katapunan societies were organized among the natives making use of many of our emblems and other means of recognition. The object of the society was to limit the autocratic power of the church, and as church and state were practically one they were looked upon as revolutionary in character and its members the vilest of criminals. Many of the natives, learning of the organization of our Lodge in Manila, approached our brethren with grips and signs claiming to be of the Craft. I cautioned the brethren to avoid indiscretion; for it was found on careful inquiry that these natives were members of the Katapunan societies. On one occasion a brother from the California regiment came to headquarters with a man whom he introduced as a brother and who was very anxious to visit the Lodge. I took the man inside and examined him finding him in possession of many of our secrets. He was a well informed member of the Katapunan society and cherished what little masonic light he had obtained. There is a great field open for masonry in the Philippines, and I hope that a permanent Lodge may soon be established in Manila. Our Lodge was overwhelmed with petitions for degrees, and after having received 100 applications it became necessary to refuse others, not knowing how long we would remain in the islands. We had work at nearly every meeting, but I regret exceedingly that we were prevented from conferring the M. M. degree. We were preparing to confer our first third degree when the insurrection broke out on the evening of the 4th of February, 1899, after which the regiment was constantly in the field taking part in three famous expeditions of General Lawton into the interior of Luzon. We did not return to Manila till the 7th of July, and from that time till

we embarked for our homeward journey were kept busy with reports and accounting for military stores and property to the various departments and it was impossible to do further work in the Lodge.

One meeting held in February will long remain in the memory of those who were present. A request had been received from Crescent Lodge No. 11, at Grafton, N. D., to confer the degrees on W. A. Mickle, then Q. M. Sergeant of the regiment. We were stationed on the south line in General Ovenshine's Brigade, with regimental headquarters at Culi Culi Church. The meeting was called for the evening of February 22nd at regimental headquarters.

Late that afternoon orders came from General Overshine to take extra precautions as an attack by the insurgents was expected along our front that night and an attempt made to break through our lines. The Lodge was opened at 8 P. M., the officers wearing their side arms prepared for any emergency as suspicious movements along the insurgent lines in our front were reported by the outposts about sundown. The work was under way and I was in the midst of the obligation when suddenly a crashing volley came from the insurgent lines, several of the bullets went through the roof of the church which stood a short distance back of our trenches. I stopped short and we could plainly hear the bullets as they whistled past. The firing was brisk for a few minutes when it became more scattering and soon died out altogether. We finished up the work in short order expecting a general attack at almost any moment. The incident will long be remembered, and it is, perhaps, the first instance of record that a candidate was initiated under fire. This was the only opportunity we had for holding a meeting while in the field. It was hoped that we might have an opportunity of finishing up the work on a few of the candidates after our return to Manila from our final expedition to Morong, as many of the candidates from other regiments were anxious to receive the M. M. degree before returning to the United States, but so many of our officers were sick, while others were busy accounting for and turning over government property, that it was found impossible to do any further work.

The regiment embarked on the Transport Grant, sailing from Manila Bay off Cavite at 5 P. M. on the 31st of July, 1899, homeward bound, after a full year's service in the Philippines. Stopping at Nagasaki, passing through the beautiful inland sea, and a final stop of three days in Yokohama, where we were royally entertained by the American Colony, assisted by the English, German and other European residents, we arrived at San Francisco at 10:30 P. M. on the 29th day of August.

The reception of the regiment by the citizens of San Francisco was as enthusiastic as that tendered to their own, and our masonic brethren

were out in full force on Market Street as we marched out to our Camp at Presideo and our names were called out frequently by brethren among the cheering crowds. Brother Field was the first to greet us, stating that a Masonic Reception had been arranged for on a certain evening and that we were all expected to be there regardless of any orders from General Shafter. It is nedless to say that we were present. It was a most enthusiastic gathering, and we can never forget the hospitable treatment that we received at the hands of our brethren in San Francisco.

The regiment was mustered out on the 25th of September, and, returning by two special trains, arrived at their home stations in North Dakota on the 2 of October after a year and seven months of hard service.

They returned with an excellent record, free from scandal and petty jealousies, proud of having served their country under the same old flag, for which their fathers fought in '61 to '65, and returned with it more glorious than ever. We sincerely mourn the loss of that intrepid and fearless leader, the ideal soldier, General Lawton, whom we followed through weary miles of jungles and swamps in the interior of Luzon, in many a hot engagement, and whose commendation, 'You can't stampede the First North Dakota' will ever remind us of that immortal hero as long as there remains a member of the regiment.

I will briefly recapitulate the work of the Lodge.

One hundred applications for degrees were received. Of these one application was rejected, one was returned, as the applicant was found under the decisions of our jurisdiction to be physically unqualified, which fact was not known when the application was received. Two applications were not voted on. Ninety-six applicants were elected to receive the degrees. The E. A. degree was conferred on 91 candidates, the F. C. degree, on 62. Twenty-three brethren joined by affiliation. Four requests were received from other Lodges to confer degrees.

One brother, Sergt. Major Alfred H. Whittaker, died in hospital. He was an exemplary young man beloved by us all. Lieut. D. Baldwin, Jr., Adjutant of the 1st. Battalion, was severely wounded in an engagement on the 1st of April. These, I believe, are the only casualties among the brethren.

In closing I wish to state that the perfect harmony which prevailed in the regiment also characterized the work in the Lodge. I was at all times ably and willingly assisted by the Wardens, officers and brethren generally, and we trust that the material prepared in the Military Lodge in Manila will prove worthy. We all feel that we were highly honored by our Past Grand Master, Robert M. Carothers, and the Grand Lodge

of our state in giving us charge of this grand work.

Yours fraternally,

W. C. TREUMANN,
Past W. M. North Dakota Military Lodge.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. H. John Rowe (3), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Obituary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Address relating to Fraternal Dead, report as follows:

Your Committee believes that the craftsmen in other Grand Jurisdictions who have passed away have been suitably remembered and just tribute paid them at home, and this Grand Lodge extends fraternal sympathy. The Supreme Architect of the Universe has called from labor to refreshment, during the past year, some of the eminent workers and enthusiastic members of the Craft. This promotion from life's work to a higher and better state, as we believe, is but the lot of all who sojourn on this earthly sphere, and the demise of worthy and respected brethren should remind us that the grim messenger may soon appear in our midst whose summons all must obey, from the youngest entered apprentice to the most exalted ruler.

By a singular coincidence, the same number of deaths is reported this year as last, namely, twenty-three. These have been distributed among seventeen Lodges. Truly, death is in the world and the spotter among the works of the Almighty.

Fraternally submitted,

H. JOHN ROWE (3),
LEROY W. WETHERBEE (37),
THOMAS J. SHARPE (50),
DANIEL R. BUCHANAN (52),
WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Frank H. Sprague (11), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D., to whom was referred the Petitions for Charters, report as follows:

That Charters be granted to Hankinson Lodge, at Hankinson; Khurum Lodge, at Gilby; Independence Lodge, at Leal; Century Lodge at New Rockford; Devotion Lodge, at Harvey; Hunter Lodge, at Hunter, and that Carrington Lodge, at Carrington, be chartered under the name of Aurora Lodge as requested in their petition.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
JAMES L. GREEN (39),
JORGEN CHRISTIANSEN (43),
JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
DONALD A. CRITES (47),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Louis A. Jacobson (27), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges report as follows:
That we find the reports of the various Lodges correct.

Fraternally submitted,
WALLACE HUFF (4),
MYRON J. HOLLEY (37),
ALFRED STEEL (6),
JAMES T. M'CULLOCH (48),
ABRAM LENT (46).

REPORT—COMMITTEE—GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee, to whom was referred the report of W.·. Bro. John Scott (29), Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Charles O. Piatt (16), was referred to the Finance Committee:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer, to whom was referred his report, beg leave to report as follows:

That it shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to hold a School of Instruction in each Lodge in this jurisdiction once each year, at such time as the Grand Lecturer shall designate, each Lodge to pay all hotel expenses and $5.00 per diem, the Grand Lodge to pay all mileage.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK W. WALDRON (29),
FRED WEISS (38),
JOSEPH GARNETT (30),
JAMES A. WILSON (22),
PETER CAMERON (23),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due Representatives, report as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $669.10, to be paid by him to the proper Representatives as hereinafter designated.

No.	LODGE	LOCATION	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	BRO · RECEIPTING
1	Shiloh	Fargo			$ 4 00	A. B. Taylor
2	Pembina	Pembina	162			
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	$ 1 00	4 00	H. John Rowe
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3 90	4 00	Wallace Huff
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195			
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4 65	4 00	Alfred Steel
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	2 90	4 00	C. A. Fisher
8	Mandan	Mandan	207			
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2 10	4 00	W. J. Sansburn
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39			
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	John H Fraine
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	Thos. A. Doyden
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	7 00	4 00	D. W. Coleman
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3 50	4 00	W. S. Willson
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2 30	4 00	H. G. Klepper
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5 20	4 00	O. H. Phillips
17	Minto	Minto	107			
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88			
19	Goose River	Portland	68			
20	Hiram	Page	53	2 65	2 00	J. E. Garwood
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165			
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7 45	4 0	Jas. A. Wilson
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7 45	4 00	Peter Cameron
24	Euclid	Lakota	144			
25	Anchor	Milnor	88			
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7 00	4 00	Alex. Bannerman
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Benj. F. Walden
28	Forest River	Inkster	123			
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	Frank W. Waldron
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6 55	4 00	Joseph Garnett
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112			
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15 45	4 00	John Riessbeck
33	Star in the West	Minot	182			
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179			
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7 10	2 00	G. F. Erskine
36	St. John's	Forest River	110			
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3 05	4 00	Myron J. Holley
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6 80	4 00	Fred Weiss
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	2 10	4 00	James L. Green
40	Cando	Cando	199	9 95	4 0	Harry Lord
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110			
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2 85	2 00	D. B. Smith
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12 45	4 00	J. Christiansen
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260			
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106			
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9 65	4 00	Abram Lent
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12 10	4 00	Donald A. Crites
48	Milton	Milton	164	8 20	4 00	J. T. McCulloch
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50			
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8 30	4 00	Thos. J. Sharpe
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	420			
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6 60	4 00	D. R. Buchanan
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5 05	4 00	John A. Black
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	201			
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	2 85	4 00	J. M. Stewart
U. D.	Aurora	Carrington	136	6 80	4 00	E. T. Guptil
U. D.	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4 40	4 00	Wm. E. Spotten
U. D.	Khurum	Gilby	103	5 15	4 00	Chas. Harshman
U. D.	Independence	Leal				
U. D.	Century	New Rockford				
U. D.	Devotion	Harvey	167	8 35	4 00	J. F. McGlenn
U. D.	Hunter	Hunter				

GRAND AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

NAME	LOCATION	Miles	Mileage	PER DIEM	BRO. RECEIPTING
John A. Percival, G. M ...	Fargo	.....	.....	$4 00	John A. Percival
Edwin H. James D. G. M....	St. Tomas.....	131	$ 6 55	4 00	Edwin H James..
Thos. L. Foulks, G. S. W.....	Fargo	.....	.....	2 00	Thos. L. Foulks ...
W. L. Stockwell G. J. W....	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	W L. Stockwell..
Clinton D. Lord, G. T.....	Park River...	140	7 00	4 00	C. D Lord.....
Sylvester J. Hill, G. C ...	Fargo.....	.....	.....	4 00	S. J Hill .....
Thos. Kleinnogel, G. S. D....	Fargo.....	.....	.....	4 00	T Kleinnogel .....
Thos. E. Fox, G. J. D	Willow City....	242	12 10	4 00	Thomas Fox.....
James W. Foley, G. S. S.....	Bismarck.....	195	9 75	4 00	James W. Foley..
L. A. Jacobson, G. J. S.....	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Louis A. Jacobson
J. T. Blacklock, G. Mar.....	Hamilton.....	142	7 10	4 00	J. T. Blacklock...
Thos. Harrison, G. S. B	Blanchard....	39	1 95	2 00	Thos Harrison...
John Scott, G. Lec	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	John Scott.....
James Johnson, G. Tyler....	Minot	282	14 10	4 00	James Johnson....
Herbert J. Gibson, D. G. S ..	Fargo.....	.....	.....	4 00	H. J. Gibson .....
John F Selby, P. G. M	Hillsboro	39	1 95	4 00	John F. Selby .....
James McDonald, P. G. M..	Grafton.....	117	5 85	4 00	James McDonald
Geo. L. McGregor, P. G. M .	Fargo.....	.....	.....	4 00	G. L. McGregor..
Geo. H. Keyes, P. G. M.	Ellendale. ...	140	7 00	2 00	Geo H. Keyes....
William James, P. G. S. W.	Bathgate	149	7 45	4 00	Wm James .....
W. A. Bentley, P. G Treas..	Bismarck.....	195	9 75	2 00	Wm. A Bentley..
Geo A. Luce. P. G. Treas .	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Geo. A. Luce.....
C. A. Harris, P. G. Treas..	Grafton.	117	5 85	4 00	Chas. A. Harris...
E. C. Stevens P. G Treas..	Towner.....	249	12 45	2 00	E. C. Stevens.....
A. B. Taylor, Fin Com.....	Fargo	.....	.....	6 00	A B. Taylor. ....
G. S. Hager, Fin Com.....	St. Thomas ...	131	6 55	6 00	Grant S. Hager ..
E. G. Guthrie. Fin. Com....	Casselton	20	1 00	6 00	E. G Guthrie ....
R. Morrison, Fin. Com.. ...	Pembina. ...	16	8 10	6 00	Robert Morrison..
W. J. Lorshbough, Fin. Com	Fargo	.....	.....	6 00	W. J Lorshbough
J. McDonald Griev. & App	Inkster.....	123	6 15	4 00	John McDonald...
J. H. McHolland " "	Cavalier.....	149	7 45	4 00	J H. McHolland..
H. V. Hicks " "	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	H. V. Hicks.....
John Nelson " "	Larimore	104	5 20	4 00	John Nelson .....
Wm. C. Treumann " "	Grafton..	117	5 85	2 00	W. C. Treumann

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY LORD (40),
JOHN A. BLACK (53),
ALEX. BANNERMAN (26),
THOS. A. BOYDEN (12),
CHAS. O. PIATT (16),
Committee.

MILEAGE—LODGES U. D.

R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That the Committee on Mileage be asked to make a supplemental report to the end that compensation be granted to one representative from each Lodge U. D.

W∴ Bro. Robert Morrison (2) moved as an amendment:

That the amount to be allowed to one representative from each Lodge U. D. do not exceed the amount of fees paid by individual Lodge.

The amendment was carried, and the vote recurring upon the original motion as amended, the same was carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report ,which on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28) was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals would congratulate our Grand Lodge for there are no grievances and no appeals before the Committee at this meeting. Peace and Harmony prevail over this Grand Jurisdiction, and no contention exists but rather that emulation of who best can work and best agree.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M'DONALD (28),
JAMES H. M'HOLLAND (22),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
JOHN NELSON (16),
Committee.

ELECTION—GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour of election having arrived ,the Grand Master appointed as Tellers W.·. Bro. James W. Foley (5) and W.·. Bro. Wallace Huff (4). The election proceeded with the following result:

Edwin H. James (30), M.·. W.·. Grand Master, St. Thomas.

Thomas L. Foulks (12), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master address, Fargo.

Walter L. Stockwell (11), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Grafton.

Thomas Kleinogel (1), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Fargo.

Clinton D. Lord (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary, Fargo.

GREETINGS FROM GRAND LODGE SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Grand Lecturer, W∴ Bro. John Scott (29), stated that he had attended the recent session of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and was requested by that Grand Body to convey to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota its fraternal greetings. The same were received with approbation.

REPORT — COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE — MILEAGE GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of mileage of the Grand Lecturer, respectfully report:

That in our opinion the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at the 1899 Annual Communication, on page 364 printed proceedings, legally requires the Grand Lodge to pay the mileage of the Grand Lecturer in attending schools of instruction, whether such schools be held for the District or at the request of a particular Lodge.

And in view of the fact that the District System has been adopted for the purposes of convenience, and to reduce the expense of holding instruction schools to a minimum, we respectfully submit and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That in the future any particular Lodge, asking for a special school of instruction, pay, in addition to the expenses and fee of $5.00 per day, the further sum of the railroad fare or livery hire from the point where the Grand Lecturer starts to the particular Lodge holding such special school and return.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES M'DONALD (11),
GEORGE L. M'GREGOR (6),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
Committee.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved that the report be adopted.

R∴ W∴ Bro. William A. Bentley (5) moved as an amendment:

That the resolution of the Committee on Jurisprudence be stricken out and the report be then adopted.

On vote, the amendment prevailed, and recurring upon the original motion as amended, the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer, recommend that the said report be not adopted, as the expense of such system would be too great for this Grand Lodge to bear.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
WALTER J. LORSHBOUGH (1),
Committee.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved that the report be adopted.

R∴ W∴ Bro. William A. Bentley (5) moved as an amendment:

That the report be referred back to the Finance Committee.

The amendment was lost, and the report adopted as read.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—EXCEEDING APPROPRIATIONS.

The Finance Committee made the following Supplemental Report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·. of North Dakota:

As a safeguard against extravagance, the Finance Committee recommend that no officer or committee of the Grand Lodge, charged with the expenditure of appropriated funds of this Grand Body, shall exceed the specific appropriation of any year, without first having submitted to the Finance Committee every item of proposed expenditure and having received the written approval of a majority of said Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
WALTER J. LORSHBOUGH (1),
Commtttee.

IN RE REPORT JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

R·· W·· Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That that part of the Report of the Jurisprudence Commtitee referring to the resolution which was not adopted be referred back to said Committee for supplemental report.

Carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—MILEAGE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Mileage made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of R·· W·· Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage would respectfully recommend that the usual mileage and per diem be allowed to one delegate from each Lodge U. D., Provided, however, that in no case shall the Representative receive more than his Lodge has paid to the Grand Lodge for fees.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY LORD (40),
THOMAS A. BOYDEN (12),
CHAS. A. PIATT (16),
JOHN A. BLACK (53),
ALEX. BANNERMAN (26),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILITARY LODGE.

The Committee on North Dakota Military Lodge in the Philippines made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. James W. Foley (5), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A.·.F.·.& A.·.M.·.of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee, appointed to consider matters arising in connection with the status of former members of the 'Military Lodge,' instituted by dispensation of the Worshipful Grand Master, approved by the Grand Lodge, report and recommend the following:

That the adoption of this report be a direction to the Grand Secretary to notify each member of the 'Military Lodge' that he is entitled to receive, upon application to the Grand Secretary therefor, a certificate of his former membership in the 'Military Lodge,' and, where he has since affiliated with no other Lodge, of his present membership in the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.. of the jurisdiction of North Dakota.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. FOLEY (5),
JOHN H. FRAINE (11),
CHESSMUR A. FISHER (7),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32),
WILLIAM C. TREUMANN (11),
WILLIAM J. SANSBURN (9),
OSCAR H. PHILLIPS (16),

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—ANNUAL MEETING.

W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox (47) moved:

That the Grand Master appoint a Committee on By-Laws to take into consideration the matter of change of time of holding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge from June to February.

The required number not voting in the affirmative to receive a motion to amend the By-Laws, the motion was lost.

RESOLUTION IN RE MORALS AND DOGMAS.

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the action of the Grand Lodge session of 1898, requiring particular Lodges to present a copy of the Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees, as compiled by the late Bro. Albert Pike, to all Master Masons at their raising, be and the same is hereby repealed.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND GRAND LODGE BY-LAWS—FEES.

Bro. H. John Rowe (3) offered the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. On motion of W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), the same was laid on the table.

RESOLVED: That Section 23 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out these words:

"And the further sum of ten per centum shall be paid on all moneys received for the initiating, passing and raising of members in their respective Lodges."

At this hour, 12:30, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:30 p. m.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following supplemental report on the resolution which previously had not been adopted, and, on motion of R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), the same was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee relating to mileage of the Grand Lecturer, respectfully report the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That in the future any particular Lodge, asking for a special school of instruction, shall pay in addition to the expenses and fee of $5.00 per day the further sum of the railroad fare or livery hire from the point where the Grand Lecturer starts to the particular Lodge holding such special school of instruction and return.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
GEORGE L. M'GREGOR (6),
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
Committee.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, and, on motion of M∴ W∴ Bro. John F. Selby (10), the report was considered *ad seriatim*

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M∴, W∴ Grand Master's Address relating to Decisions, respectfully report and recommend:

1st. That Decision No. 1 be not concurred in, or specifically, that the 1899 amendment to Sec. 50 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws does not repeal the last two lines of Sec. 27 of said By-Laws.

2nd. That Decision No. 2 be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES M'DONALD (11),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
GEORGE L. M'GREGOR (6),
Committee.

On motion the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—MILEAGE COMMITTEE—TREUMANN.

The Committee on Mileage made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. James W. Foley (5), was adopted:

To The Grand Lodge A∴F∴& A∴M∴of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage recommend that W∴ Bro. Col. William C. Treumann be allowed mileage and per diem amounting to $7.85.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY LORD (40),
CHAS. O. PIATT (16),
JOHN A. BLACK (53),
THOMAS A. BOYDEN (12),
ALEX. BANNERMAN (26),
Committee.

James T. Blacklock (35), W∴ Junior Grand Deacon, Hamilton.

James W. Foley (5), W∴ Senior Grand Steward, Bismarck.

Louis A. Jacobson (27), W∴ Junior Grand Steward, Hope.

Thomas Harrison (10), W∴ Grand Marshal, address, Blanchard.

John Riessbeck (32), W∴ Grand Sword Bearer, Dickinson.

Oscar H. Phillips (16), W∴ Grand Pursuivant, Larimore.

John Scott (29), W∴ Grand Lecturer, Oakes.

James Johnson (33), W∴ Grand Tyler, Minot.

*Herbert J. Gibson (1), W∴ Deputy Grand Secretary, Fargo.

(*Appointed by R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary.)

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee:—W∴ Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; W∴ Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas; W∴ E. George Guthrie (3), Casselton; W∴ Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; W∴ Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton.

Jurisprudence Committee:—M∴ W∴ John F. Selby (10) Ellsboro; M∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo; M∴ W∴ James McDonald (11), Grafton; M∴ W∴ George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; M∴ W∴ Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; M∴ W∴ George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; M∴ W∴ John A. Percival (21), address, Fargo.

Grievances and Appeals Committee:—W∴ Walter L. Williamson (25), address, Lisbon; W∴ John McDonald (28), Inkster; Benj. F. Walden (27), Hope; W∴ Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; John Nelson (16), Larimore.

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Master appointed R∴ W∴ Bro. John A. Percival (21) as Marshal, and the foregoing Grand Officers were duly installed.

APPROPRIATION TO BRO. S. T. CONNICK.

W∴ Bro. Alexander B .Taylor (1) moved:

That this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of $10.00 as a slight compensation for the services of Bro. S. T. Connick, Tyler of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, to the Grand Lodge during its present session.

Carried.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—SHILOH LODGE.

W∴ Bro. John McDonald (28) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby extended to Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo, for its many kindnesses and courtesies shown to the members of the Grand Lodge at its present session.

Carried.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Edwin H. James (30), closed the Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A∴F∴ & A∴M∴ of North Dakota in ample form at 4 p.m., Peace and Harmony prevailing.

EDWIN H. JAMES(30)
Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson
Grand Secretary.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

BISMARCK LODGE NO. 5.

Swan A. Peterson, John A. McLean, John G. Churchman, Barney A. Schwab.

JAMESTOWN LODGE NO. 6.

James L. Price, Richard C. Thorold, James F. Bradway Daniel A. Thompson.

MANDAN LODGE NO. 8.

Floyd E. Benjamine.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

Elmer F. Hampshire.

MINTO LODGE NO. 17.

George L. Turner, Bert S. Wilson. Eugene M. Welch.

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 26.

William Klinger, Richard A. Catherwood, John Bidlake, Michael E. Quigley, Charles M. Parker.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 27.

John P. Burling, Andrew B. Cartlage, Charles R. Jackson, Thomas J. McMahon, William H. Wilson, Fred W. Stultz

HOPE LODGE NO. 29.

John N. Chamberlain, Ansel P. Slocum.

DICKINSON LODGE NO. 32.

Henry Nietert.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 34.

John Bidlake, Daniel C. Irvin, Thomas Hope, William B. Hope, Robert Archer, Hans O. Bjornerud, Henry J. Mathisen, Peter A. McLaren.

HAMILTON LODGE NO. 35.

George Boylan, Eldridge G. Boylan, Wesley C. Hewitt, James Hewitt

CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 38.

Henry Baldwin, Hannes S. Hanson, William McIntosh.

CANDO LODGE NO. 40.

Riengi W. Main.

REYNOLDS LODGE NO. 42.

Orla A. Hostetter.

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges, April 30, 1900,

Number	NAME.	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Died	Dimitted	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled	Increase	Decrease	Membership	Dues and Fees Paid
1	Shiloh	48	51	4	8	2	2	6			52	8	317	$ 358 75
2	Pembina			1	2	2		3			5	3	65	47 50
3	Casselton	14	13	14			1	19			14	20	112	130 50
4	Acacia	8	12	14	9		3	4			23	7	164	167 00
5	Bismarck	6	6	6	3	1		3	4		10	7	66	72 00
6	Jamestown	9	6	6	5		3	7	4		11	14	12	114 75
7	Valley City	4	5	6	1		1	5			7	6	95	84 50
8	Mandan	4	7	8	1		1	1	1		9	3	66	68 25
9	Cereal	7	7	9				1			9	1	41	52 75
10	Hillsboro	11	11	11	1			4			12	4	107	116 50
11	Crescent	4	4	3	2			1			5	1	94	84 00
12	Sheyenne Valley	2	2	2		1	1	2			3	3	86	69 00
13	Ellendale	7	8	11	2			1			13	1	77	78 75
14	Sanborn	9	10	10	1			16			11	16	34	57 75
15	Wahpeton	6	7	3		1		2			4	2	72	64 00
16	North Star	13	14	11	1			3	1		12	4	85	98 25
17	Minto		2	2			2	3	3		2	8	37	31 75
18	Mackey	6	6	7	1	1		3			9	3	51	57 25
19	Goose River			1				13			1	13	28	21 25
20	Hiram	12	9	10	1	1	1	4			12	5	47	61 25
21	Minnewaukan	8	7	6	2	2		1			10	1	93	97 25
22	Tongue River	4	3	3				2			3	2	51	46 75
23	Bathgate	4	6	5		1		4			6	4	82	76 50
24	Euclid	3	1	2							2		48	45 00
25	Anchor	3	8	3	1			1			4	1	26	28 50
26	Golden Valley	8	2	2	3		1	1	5		5	7	81	68 75
27	Occidental	9	9	9	2	1		5	6		12	11	71	79 50
28	Forest River	5	7	6				4			6	4	61	60 00
29	Hope	2	3	3			1	3	2		3	6	42	39 50
30	Temple	3	2	2			1				2	1	48	46 00
31	Golden Fleece	3	5	5				4			5	4	46	43 25
32	Dickinson	9	6	8	1		1	4	1		9	6	94	91 50
33	Star in the West	3	3	3	2			2			5	2	50	46 50
34	Lebanon	19	19	17	2			2	8		19	10	118	142 75
35	Hamilton	7	5	1				1	4		1	5	31	33 25
36	St. Johns	5	4	3				11			3	11	35	39 25
37	Fairmount	6	6	7				4			7	4	36	46 00
38	Crystal	2	4	2	2		1		3		4	4	34	33 50
39	Mizpah	2	2	3			1				3	1	31	29 50
40	Cando	6	2	5	2			1	1		7	2	41	46 25
41	Maple River	2	2	2							2		34	30 50
42	Reynolds	3	5	5	1			1	1		6	2	30	38 50
43	Mouse River	6	5	4	1		1	1			5	2	36	47 25
44	Tuscan	1	2	1	2			1			3	1	20	20 00
45	Northern Light	4	4	6				1			6	1	4	50 50
46	Evergreen	11	13	12	2			7			14	7	63	88 25
47	Willow	4	3	3	3			5			6	5	34	39 50
48	Milton	3	5	5							5		42	44 50
49	Liberty	5	3	6			1				6	1	30	35 00
50	Walhalla	2	3	4	2						6		43	41 25
51	Mt. Moriah			2							2		18	16 50
52	Fidelity	5	4	4	2						6		20	27 25
53	Harmony	11	7	9	1			1			10	1	22	42 75
54	Welcome	6	6	5	2						7		25	41 75
55	Dakotah	5	7	6	2						8		25	36 75
	Aurora	11	8	5							5		30	29 50
	Hankinson U. D.	8	4	3							3		18	15 00
	Khurum U. D.	8	6	4							4		16	24 00
	Independence U. D.	3	3	1	1						2		14	9 50
	Century U. D.	20	6										19	46 00
	Devotion U. D.	8											12	17 00
	Hunter U. D.	1	1										14	
	Totals	379	376	259	74	13	23	168	44		346	235	3492	$3719 50

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement.

Compiled from the Returns of May 1, 1900, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses, Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, Etc.

Lodge	Worshipful Master.	Secretary	P. O. Address	County.	Time of Stated Meeting.
1. Shiloh	William A. Scott	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d. Friday of each month
2. Pembina	John D. Winlaw	William W. Felson	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
3. Casselton	E. George Guthrie	H. John Rowe	Casselton	Cass	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
4. Acacia	Wallace Huff	Charles H. McManus	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
5. Bismarck	James W. Foley	William F. Cochrane	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
6. Jamestown	Alfred Steel	Herbert G. Proctor	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
7. Valley City	Chessmur A. Fisher	Oscar A. Laughlin	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday in each month
8. Mandan	George Austin	George R. Leonard	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
9. Cereal	Wm. J. Sausburn	J. M. Andras	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
10. Hillsboro	Joseph L. Tracy	Duncan Cameron	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
11. Crescent	John H. Fraine	Benjamin A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
12. Sheyenne Valley	Thomas A. Boyden	William H. Lozier	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
13. Ellendale	Dennis W. Coleman	Fred L. Walker	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
14. Sanborn	Warren S. Willson	James H. Black	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
15. Wahpeton	Charles H. Sleeper	William D. Purdon	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
16. North Star	O. H. Phillips	V. S. Wisner	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
17. Minto	Samuel D. Thompson	Peter McQuat	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
18. Mackey	S. E. Brown	Willard Proctor	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
19. Goose River	P. M. Paulson	O. D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
20. Hiram	Joseph E. Garwood	William H. Aymar	Page	Cass	Thursday on or before full moon & two weeks from that date
21. Minnewaukan	Charles H. Baker	J. F. Henry	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
22. Tongue River	James A. Wilson	Edward F. Koehler	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
23. Bathgate	Peter Cameron	William Steel	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
24. Euclid	Thomas J. Baird	John M. McMaster	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
25. Anchor	James Brown	Francis W. Vail	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturdays of each month
26. Golden Valley	Alex Bannerman	Clinton D. Lord	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
27. Occidental	George A. Luce	S. McPherson	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
28. Forest River	W. James Glass	Halbert E. Payne	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
29. Hope	Frank W. Waldron	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
30. Temple	Edward T. Thompson	Frank A. Douglas	St. Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
31. Golden Fleece	William Hurly	Manley T. Jacobson	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
32. Dickinson	John Riessbeck	I. C. deGraff	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
33. Star in the West	John M. Wilson	William C. Hunter	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement--Continued.

Lodge	Worshful Master	Secretary	P. O. Address	County	Time of Stated Meeting
34. Lebanon	John E. Truax	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
35. Hamilton	George F. Erskine	Adam Winlaw	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
36. St. John	George T. McLean	R. B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month
37. Fairmount	Myron J. Holley	Fred P. Nelson	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
38. Crystal	Fred K. Weiss	Charles K. Wing	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
39. Mizpah	James L. Green	Charles A. Gram	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
40. Cando	Fountain L. Thompson	D. H. Cook	Cando	Towner	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
41. Maple River	John M. Gifford	Claude W. Kesler	Edgeley	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
42. Reynolds	James Halliday	T. S. Herring	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Mondays of each month
43. Mouse River	Evarts C. Stevens	Jorgen Christiansen	Towner	McHenry	1st Thursday of each month
44. Tuscan	Fred W. Cathro	Evan B. Goss	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
45. Northern Light	Marvin W. Buck	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
46. Evergreen	Abram Lent	James Micheis	Minnewaukan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
47. Willow	D. A. Crites	C. C. Kile	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
48. Milton	James T. McCulloch	Samuel O. Tollefsen	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
49. Liberty	Olaf Th. Sherping	William A. Thompson	Enderlin	Ransom	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
50. Walhalla	John D. Gordon	Clarence Ellithorpe	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
51. Mount Moriah	James W. Truax	Gustave B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month
52. Fidelity	John E. Countryman	John D. Wallace	Drayton	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
53. Harmony	Joseph A. Morrow	John B. Wagner	Lidgerwood	Richland	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
54. Welcome	George H. Glass	Clifford L. Vaughn	Ch'ch's Ferry	Ramsey	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
55. Dacotah	Joseph M. Stewart	Samuel Torgerson	Mayville	Traill	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
56. Aurora	Emery T. Guptil	Charles H. Davidson	Carrington	Foster	2d Tuesdays of each month
57. Hankinson	W. Elmer Spotten	James B. Taylor	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
58. Khurum	John M. Edes	J. C. Rasmussen	Gilby	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
59. Independence	George B. Simpson	John T. Cook	Leal	Barnes	1st Thursday of each month
60. Century	William E. Biggs	James W. Stoddard	New Rockf'd	Eddy	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
61. Devotion	John F. McGlenn	August Peterson	Harvey	Wells	4th Thursday of each month
62. Hunter	Willis H. Rogers	John Dudman	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

GRAND LO GE	GRAND SECRETARY	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Henry C. Armstrong	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tuscon
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Nelson
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	Ed. C. Parmelee	Denver
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Wm. R. Singleton	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wollhin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	William H. Smythe	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
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Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	William Ross	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville
Texas	John Watson	Houston
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee
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Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
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Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburg
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide
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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

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Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tuscon
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway
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Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
Canada	John S. Denar	London, Ont.
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Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana
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District of Columbia	William A. Gatley	Washington
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England		
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Georgia	B. B. Patterson	Baxley
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraus
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Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
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Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
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Nebraska	John A. Enehardt	Stanton
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Joseph W. Hildreth	Manchester
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
New York	Oscar L. Eastman	Rondout
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma
Nova Scotia	Melford G., E. Marshal	Annapolis Royal
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Henry E. Vaughan	Sydney
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland
*Pennsylvania		
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South Dakota	William Blatt	Yankton
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Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell	
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor	Morristown
Texas	J. B. Moore	Cameron
Utah	John Alfred Reeves	Salt Lake City
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Victoria	A. B. Templeman	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
*Washington		
West Virginia	Michael Emsheimer	Wheeling
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett	Eau Claire
*Wyoming		

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GRAND LODGE	NAME.	RESIDENCE
Alabama		
Arizona	William H. Topping	Grand Forks
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British Columbia	Victor S. Stickney	Dickinson
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
California	Thomas Kleinogel	Fargo
Canada	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
England		
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Casselton
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo
Maine	Robert D. Hoskins	Bismarck
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks

GRAND LODGE	NAME.	RESIDENCE
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fort Totten
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope
New Hampshire	James D. Trenholme	Bathgate
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot
New Mexico		
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck
New Zealand	David E. Morgan	Devils Lake
New South Wales	Robert J. Mitchell	Sheldon
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	Draper A. Lindsey	Fargo
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster
Scotland		
Tennessee	Grant Hager	St. Thomas
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia	Frank H. Rahders	Lakota
Victoria		
Washington	Fred D. Alpin	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert LaDu	Lisbon
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
*Wyoming		

**Does not exchange Representatives*

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS A PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

YEAR	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	G. SR. WARDEN	GR. JR. WARDEN	GR. TREASURER	GR. SECRETARY
1875	Thomas H. Brown ..	Franklin J. Dewitt ..	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand* ...	M. W. Bailey .... ..
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand* ...	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins ..	James B. Watson ...	M. W. Bailey .... ..
1877	George H. Hand* ...	William H. Miller ..	Robert C. Hawkins..	James B. Watson ...	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton .... ..
1878	George H. Hand* ...	Robert C. Hawkins..	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan.	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1879	George H. Hand* ...	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace ...	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1880	George H. Hand* ...	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer .. .	James S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1881	Thomas H. Brown ..	Albert O. Ingallist ...	Thomas J. Wilder* **	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West** § ...	John Davidson* ** ..	David C. Thomas ...	Thomas J. Wilder* **	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader ...	Henry H. Herrick ..	Abner E. Hitchcock .	Leonard R. Graves ..	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1884	John F. Schrader ...	William Blatt.. ..	Sylvester J. Conklin..	Henry M. Wheeler**.	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**.	John Q. A. Braden ..	Samuel Roy*	Charles E. Boyden ..	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**.	John Q. A. Braden ..	N. C. Whitefield .. .	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**.	John Q. A. Braden ..	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **..	Edward G. Benke ..	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1888	John Q. A. Braden ..	George V. Ayers ...	James W. Cloes§ **..	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Eale	C. T. McCoy .... ..
1889	James W. Cloes (6) ..	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10) ..	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Chas. E. Jackson (2)	David S. Dodds (24) .
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10) ..	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)..	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)..
1891	John F. Selby (10) ..	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)..
1892	Albert B. Herrick§(12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James (23) ..	Frank .. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)...	William James (23) ..	George A. Luce (27) ..	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)...	William James (23) ..	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13) ..	Don R. Davidson (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13) ..	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11) ..	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13) ..	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13) ..	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6).	Clinton D. Lord (26)..	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)..	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)..	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)..	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kle'nogel (1)..	Clinton D. Lord (26)..	Frank J. Thompson (1)

* Deceased, § Left the Jurisdiction, ** With North Dakota,

IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE
OF OUR
Sister Jurisdictions
Who have Gone Before.
1900

In Memory

OF THE

Twenty-Four Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30th, 1900.

LODGE	NAME	DATE
Shiloh No. 1	Frank L. Lovejoy	Nov. 3, 1899.
Shiloh No. 1	Thomas R. Morris	Feb. 5, 1900.
Casselton No. 3..... ..	Lafayette W. Scott	April 23, 1900.
Acacia No. 4....	Roland C. Doty	July 29, 1899.
Acacia No. 4....	Edward B. Robbins	March 2, 1900.
Acacia No. 4....	Alexander Oldham	March 5, 1900.
Jamestown No. 6	Elzie D. Strong	May 28, 1899.
Jamestown No. 6	S. K. McGinnis, Jr.....	July 19, 1899.
Jamestown No. 6	Edson D. Strong	Feb. 19, 1900.
Valley City No. 7.... ..	Samuel A. Fisher	Sept. 3, 1899.
Mandan No. 8....	Isaac Sloan	....
Sheyenne Valley No. 12.	Austin F. Taylor	Sept. 18, 1899.
Minto No. 17	John Jarvis	June 2, 1899.
Minto No. 17....	James Price	Aug. 18, 1899.
Hiram No. 20....	Hiram Parsons	Nov. 30, 1899.
Golden Valley No. 26 ..	John Michalson	May 27, 1899.
Hope No. 29	Asa G. Heminway	March 11, 1900.
Temple No. 30	William M. Evans	May 21, 1899.
Dickinson No. 32..	Willis F. Cunningham ..	March 6, 1900.
Crystal No. 38	Charles Ekeberg	March 9, 1900.
Mizpah No. 39	Robert J. Mitchell	April 11, 1900.
Mouse River No. 43	James M. Pendroy	June 30, 1899.
Tuscan No. 44	James G. Thompson	May 26, 1899.
Liberty No. 49	Maurice J. Doak	June 17, 1899.

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ELECTED

Edwin H. James (30).....M. W. Grand Master.. ..... St. Thomas
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....R. W. Deputy Grand Master.....address, Fargo
Walter L. Stockwell (11) ....R. W. Senior Grand Warden ... .Grafton
Thomas Kleinogel (1)..... .R. W. Junior Grand Warden..... Fargo
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R. W. Grand Treasurer..... ..... Park River
Frank J Thompson (1) .....R. W. Grand Secretary ....Fargo

APPOINTED

Samuel E. Ryan (12).....W. Grand Chaplain .....address, Casselton
Thomas E. Fox (47).....W. Senior Grand Deacon.... .....Willow City
James T. Blacklock (35).....W. Junior Grand Deacon..... .....Hamilton
James W Foley (5) .....W. Senior Grand Steward..... ....Bismarck
Louis A. Jacobson (27) .....W. Junior Grand Steward.... .....Hope
Thomas Harrison (10).....W. Grand Marshal..... address, Blanchard
John Riessbeck (32)..... ...W. Grand Sword Bearer.....Dickinson
Oscar H. Phillips (16).....W. Grand Pursuivant..... .....Larimore
John Scott (29) .... W. Grand Lecturer..... .....Oakes
James Johnson (33)..... ...W. Grand Tyler.....Minot
* Herbert J. Gibson (1) .....W. Deputy Grand Secretary..... ....Fargo

* Appointed by R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.

Next Session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Fargo, beginning June 18th 1901, at High Twelve.

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OF

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OF THE

State of North Dakota,

1901.

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HELD AT

Fargo, N.D., Beginning Tuesday, June 18th, A.·.L.·.5901

FIRST DAY.

The Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota was opened in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continued in said city until Wednesday, being the 18th and 19th days of June, A. D. 1901, A.·. L.·. 5901, commencing at High Twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Edwin H. James (30) . . . . . M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12) . . . . . R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11) . . R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Grant S. Hager (30) . . . . as R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden

Clinton D. Lord (26) . . . . . R∴ W∴ Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1) . . . . . R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary
Samuel E. Ryan (12) . . . . . W∴ Grand Chaplain
Thomas E. Fox (47) . . . . . W∴ Senior Grand Deacon
James T. Blacklock (35) . . . . . W∴ Junior Grand Deacon
James W. Foley (5) . . . . . W∴ Senior Grand Steward
Louis A. Jacobson (27) . . . . . W∴ Junior Grand Steward
Thomas Harrison (10) . . . . . W∴ Grand Marshal
John Riessbeck (32) . . . . . W∴ Grand Sword Bearer
Oscar H. Phillips (16) . . . . . W∴ Grand Pursuivant
John Scott (29) . . . . . W∴ Grand Lecturer
Carl Aurland (33) . . . . . as W∴ Grand Tyler
Herbert J. Gibson (1) . . . . . W∴ Deputy Grand Secretary

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee of three be appointed on credentials.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee, W∴ Bro. John McDonald (28), W∴ Bro. Charles H. Baker (21), W∴ Bro. John Riessbeck (32).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report as follows:

We find the following Grand, Past Grand Officers, Members of Standing Committees and Representatives from particular Lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Edwin H. James (30) . . . . . M∴ W∴ Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12) . . . . . R∴ W∴ Deputy Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11) . . . . . R∴ W∴ Senior Grand Warden

Clinton D. Lord (26) . . . . . R.∴ W.∴ Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1) . . . . . R.∴ W.∴ Grand Secretary
Samuel E. Ryan (12) . . . . . W.∴ Grand Chaplain
Thomas E. Fox (47) . . . . . W.∴ Senior Grand Deacon
James T. Blacklock (35) . . . . . W.∴ Junior Grand Deacon
James W. Foley (5) . . . . . W.∴ Senior Grand Steward
Louis A. Jacobson (27) . . . . . W.∴ Junior Grand Steward
Thomas Harrison (10) . . . . . W.∴ Grand Marshal
John Riessbeck (32) . . . . . W.∴ Grand Sword Bearer
Oscar H. Phillips (16) . . . . . W.∴ Grand Pursuivant
John Scott (29) . . . . . W.∴ Grand Lecturer
Herbert J. Gibson (1) . . . . . W.∴ Deputy Grand Secretary

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
John F. Selby (10) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
James McDonald (11) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
George L. McGregor (6) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
Robert M. Carothers (4) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
George H. Keyes (13) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
John A. Percival (21) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ M.∴
William James (23) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ S.∴ W.∴
James S. Campbell (1) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ J.∴ W.∴
Charles E. Jackson (2) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ Treasurer
George A. Luce (27) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ Treasurer
Charles A. Harris (11) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43) . . . . . P.∴ G.∴ Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence:— M.∴ W.∴ John F. Selby (10), M.∴ W.∴ Frank J. Thompson (1), M.∴ W.∴ James McDonald (11), M.∴ W.∴ George L. McGregor (6), M.∴ W.∴ Robert M. Carothers (4), M.∴ W.∴ George H. Keyes (13), M.∴ W.∴ John A. Percival (21).

Finance:— W.∴ Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.∴ Grant S. Hager (30), W.∴ E. George Guthrie (3), W.∴ Robert Morrison (2).

Grievances and Appeals:— W.∴ John McDonald (28), W. Benj. F. Walden (27), W.∴ Halley V. Hicks (29), W.∴ John Nelson (16).

Foreign Correspondent:— M.∴ W.∴ Frank J. Thompson (1).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1 . . . . . Sylvester J. Hill, W. M. **
Elmer E. Kaufman, S. W.
Arthur G. Lewis, J. W.

Pembina No. 2	Robert Morrison, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Casselton No. 3	John Lowe, W. M.**
	Eugene S. Flint, S. W.**
	Franklin Potter, J. W.**
Acacia No. 4	Wallace Huff, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Bismarck No. 5	James W. Foley**
Jamestown No. 6	Harry C. Flint, W. M.
	John A. Masters, S. W.
	Herbert E. White, J. W.
Valley City No. 7	Not Represented.
Mandan No. 8	George Austin, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Cereal No. 9	Wm. J. Sansburn, W. M., J. W.*
	Charles W. Barrett, S. W.**
Hillsboro No. 10	Wm. J. Harrison, W. M., J. W.*
	Jorgen Howard, S. W.
Crescent No. 11	William M. Chandler, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Albino R. Stone, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Ellendale No. 13	Boardman S. Hodges, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Sanborn No. 14	James H. Black, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Wahpeton No. 15	Horace G. Klepper, W. M. S. W. *
	Charles H. Sleeper, J. W.**
North Star No. 16	William H. Welch, W. M.
	Victor S. Wisner, S. W.**
	James S. Watson, J. W.
Minto No. 17	John N. Bathgate, W. M., J. W.*
	John Miller, S. W.**
Mackey No. 18	Stillman E. Brown, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Goose River No. 19	Not Represented.
Hiram No. 20	Eben Q. Carver **
Minnewaukan No. 21	Charles H. Baker, W. M., J. W.*
	Frank H. Prosser, S. W.**
Tongue River No. 22	Louis W. Musselman, W. M., J. W.*
	Andrew Robbie, S. W.
Bathgate No. 23	William Robertson, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Euclid No. 24	Not Represented.
Anchor No. 25	Emanual C. Harvey, J. W., W. M.* S. W.*
Golden Valley No. 26	Clinton D. Lord**

Occidental No. 27	Wm. J. Milligan, W. M. Orrin L. Bowen, S. W. Willis E. Taplin, J. W.
Forest River No 28	William J. Glass, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hope No. 29	H. Clay McCartney, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Temple No. 30	Benjamin L. Lewis**
Golden Fleece No. 31	Joseph E. Wiper, W. M., S. W.* J. W*
Dickenson No. 32	Edwin L. Scofield, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Star in the West No. 33 ...	Carl Aurland**
Lebanon No. 34	William F. Winter**
Hamilton No. 35	George F. Erskine, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
St. Johns No. 36	Marshal D. Miller, W. M., S. W.* J W.*
Fairmount No. 37	Charles A. Tuttle, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Crystal No. 38	Chas. K. Wing, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Mizpah No. 39	James L. Green, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Cando Lodge No. 40	Elmer T. Judd**
Maple River No. 41	August Brodkorb, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Reynolds No. 42	Benj. F. Lavalley**
Mouse River No. 43	Robert A. Fox, W. M., J. W.* John Christianson, S. W.**
Tuscan No. 44	Thomas Sims, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Northen Light No. 45	Oscar D. Purinton, W. M., J. W.* James H. Sinclair, S. W.
Evergreen No.46	John Drummond, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Willow No .47	Frank Sims, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Milton No. 48	Not Represented.
Liberty No. 49	Not Represented.
Walhalla No. 50	Thomas J. Sharpe, W. M., S. W.* J. W*
Mt. Moriah No. 51	Not Represented.
Fidelity No. 52	Thomas E. Morgan**
Harmony No. 53	John A. Black, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Welcome No. 54	George H. Glass, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*

Dacotah No. 55	Charles L. Grandin, W. M. Robert L. Kenny, S. W. Willis E. Johnson, J. W.
Aurora No. 56	Emery T. Guptil, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hankinson No. 57	William E. Spotten, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Khurum Lodge No. 58	Robert M. McLean, S. W., W. M.* William W. Erb, J. W.
Independence No. 59	Geo. B. Simpson, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Century No. 60	William E. Radtke, W. M.** William C. Hayes, S. W.** John E. Bennett, J. W.**
Devotion No. 61	Clayton Cox, W. M., J .W.* Isaac Jones, S. W.**
Hunter No. 62	William H. Rodgers, W. M., J. W.* John F. Pettit, S. W.
Dickey U. D.	Charles E. Bobo, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Ionic U. D.	Duncan McLean, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Rugby U. D.	Fred L. Ely, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*

* And Proxy for Master or Wardens.

** Not an officer, but representing Lodge or proxy for Master or Wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Belgium	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo
Canada	Chas. E. Jackson (2), Pembina
Deleware	Walter L. Stockwell (11). Grafton
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo
Florida	Stillman E. Brown (18) LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna (20), address, Fargo.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie (3), Casselton
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall (1), Fargo
Mississippi	Geo. L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo
Missouri	Geo. A. Luce (27), Hope
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope
New York	Sylvester J. Hill (1), Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald (11), Grafton

EDWIN H. JAMES

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Oregon	H. John Rowe (3), Casselton
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo
South Australia	John McDonald (28), Inkster
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas
Utah	Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas
Vermont	Geo. H. Phelps (1), Fargo
Victoria	James T. Blacklock (35), Hamilton
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens (43), Towner

Fraternally Submitted

JOHN McDONALD (28),
CHARLES H. BAKER (21),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32),
Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with and they be approved as printed.

Carried.

INVITATION.

W∴ Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend the communication of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference be appointed to whom shall be referred the reports of Grand Officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such Committee W∴ Bro Halley V. Hicks (29), W∴ Bro. William Robertson (23), W∴ Bro. James L. Green (39), W∴ Bro. George Austin (8), Bro. William M. Chandler (11).

The hour being 12:35 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock p. m.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER 1901.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Edwin H. James (30), Grand Master, then read his Annual Address.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:-

We meet at this, the twelfth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, under the most favorable circumstances. Our beloved country is at peace with all nations, and the great questions arising from the Spanish-American War in connection with Cuba and the Phillipine Islands are practically solved to the satisfaction of the masses. The grave doubts entertained by many as to the ability of the country to cope with such perplexing questions are all dispelled. It sufficiently demonstrates that the heads of our government may be ever trusted to do what is for the best interests of the country and its people. In all this, we should not forget that the Supreme Being above is the Great Power and to Him, we, as Masons, should look for guidance in the performance of our daily vocations.

A century, the most progressive of any similar period in the world's history, has recently closed, and our beloved institution, during that time has accomplished much toward the advancement of civilization and the upbuilding and purifying of society in general. The influence of this order, which teaches man how to build his life as a temple devoted and consecrated to God, will be felt more and more by the generations to come.

It is a pleasure, brethren, to greet you all for the first time in this beautiful Masonic Temple now in the course of construction to be devoted exclusively to Masonry. It is a credit to this Grand Jurisdiction and to those brethren who are laboring incessantly in order to bring it to completion. This temple is a magnificent testimonial of the rapid growth and strength of Masonry in this new state of North Dakota.

Our order has long since ceased to be a trade and has become an art. Free Masonry is an art which teaches the construction of a moral and spiritual temple just as the art of architecture taught the construction of a material temple. Free Masonry has not only borrowed its name from operative masonry but also its tools, and it applies those tools to teach men to lead correct and moral lives. Thus we use the gavel to teach us how the rough man may be brought into proper form the square, to live an honest life; the level, that all men are equal; the plumb, to live uprightly and justly; and the trowel, to spread the cement of love and affection. These, with many other tools and emblems are used to convey great and important truths and are absolutely essential to Free Masonry. No man can attentively listen to the lessons inculcated by our Order without feeling more disposel to seek the power to attain that tone of life and character unanimously adopted and set before us in the Lodge.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge is an important Masonic period in North Dakota. Here the representatives of each Lodge review

the past year's work, discuss questions, and enact laws that we trust will result in a benefit to the Fraternity in the future. We should exercise great care in our deliberations, in order that every subject should have ample consideration before this representative body, and that the acts performed at this session will be part of the history of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota which will not require undoing in the future unless necessitated by circumstances.

During the year business of importance called me away from the state for a time. While absent, R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas L. Foulks officiated as Grand Master.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Before proceeding to review our official acts for the past year, our attention should be directed to those brethren who have been called from the life here on earth to that beyond the grave. This Grand Jurisdiction is again called upon to mourn the death of a Past Grand Officer.

Bro. Donald Rae Davidson, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in 1895, was born at Glencoe, Ontario, July 28th, 1862, came to Marshall, Minnesota in 1879 and began the study of law, graduating from the law department of the University of that state. Two years later he joined in an extensive banking business with his brothers, organizing and managing the bank at Ashby, Minn., until 1889. Coming to Wahpeton the same year, he organized the Citizens Bank, officiating as its manager up to the time of his death. Brother Davidson achieved marked success in business, the highest position in citizenship and became an important factor in politics, wielding much influence as a republican leader in the state. He was Past Master of Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, a Knight Templar a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Joseph W. Hildreth, of Manchester, who was our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Henry E. Vaughn, of Sydney, near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and J. F. C. Dupre, of Fort Hill, near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, all died during the past year; and we sympathize deeply with those sister-jurisdictions in the loss we have all sustained.

PARTICULAR LODGES.

Thirty-five members of particular Lodges died in the past Masonic year, and twenty Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction are lamenting their death. This is the greatest number of deaths we have been called upon to record during any one year since the organization of this Grand Body, but, taking into consideration our increasing membership, we cannot help but feel that the percentage is not so great and that God, in His mercy, hath dealt kindly with us after all. Still when we think of the sorrowing families and the loss sustained by the particular lodges

our hearts are heavy and overflow with sympathy for the bereaved ones.

A number of our sister Grand Jurisdictions have not only been called upon to mourn the death of a great many members of the particular Lodges, but a number of prominent and honored Masons have died during the past year.

The first death to record is that of Brother W. H. Gee, who died of heart failure in Dardanelle, Arkansas, May 28th, 1900. Brother Gee was born in Huntington, Carroll County, Tenn., December 11th, 1836, served in the Confederate Army, and afterwards moved to Arkansas. He was made a Mason in Madison Lodge, Mississippi, in 1868. On coming to Arkansas, he located at Augusta, and affiliated with Augusta Lodge No. 45 at that place. Afterwards, on moving to Dardanelle, he affiliated with Bright Star Lodge No. 213, and was an active member until his death. He served that Grand Lodge as its Grand Master during the years 1887 and 1888.

William H. Clark died at his home in Baltimore City, June 18th, 1900, in the 68th year of his age. He was born in Baltimore, Md., February 2nd, 1833, and was educated in its public schools. Brother Clark was made a Mason in Monumental Lodge No. 96, was elected Master in 1868 and Secretary continuously since 1869. In 1887 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge and two years later, Deputy Grand Master. In his death the Fraternity has lost a distinguished member, the community an honorable and upright citizen, and those who knew him best, a loyal friend.

Thomas Trounce was called to rest June 13th, 1900, at his residence in the city of Victoria. Bro. Trounce was born in Davenport, England, 1822, being in his 78th year at the time of his demise. He received the three degrees in Masonry in Els Lodge No. 1212, at his native place, in the year 1870. He moved to Vancouver Island where he affiliated with British Columbia Lodge No. 85. In 1872 he was elected Senior Warden of his Lodge, and at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge was appointed Superintendent of Works. In 1875 he was elected Master and elected in Grand Lodge as one of the Board of General Purposes. In 1879 he was appointed Grand Representative from British Columbia to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. At the ninth annual communication, he was elected Trustee of Masonic Temple property and appointed Senior Grand Deacon. During the following years, he was elected Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, and in 1885 he was Grand Master of that Jurisdiction.

John Warren Laflin died at his home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 13th, 1900. Bro. Laflin was born in Hartford, Conn., Nov. 24th, 1844. He was initiated Feb. 6th, 1866, in Jeneau Lodge No. 163, New Lisbon, Wisconsin, exalted to Royal Arch degree July 10th, 1867, in Manston Chapter No. 33, was created a Knight Templar Sept. 17th, 1874 in Oshkosh Commandery No. 11. Received grades of Ancient, Accepted Scottish Rite to 33rd degree in Wisconsin Consistory, and received the

33rd degree at Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 16th, 1890. Bro. Laflin was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for 17 years. While he lived he obeyed the highest moral law and now sleeps at the conquered goal of his journey—an upright man and Mason.

Robert Maxwell Smith lost his life in the great disaster of Galveston, Texas, together with his wife and four children. His body was never recovered, anr his Grand Jurisdiction possessed not the privilege of consigning his remains to mother earth.

"His grave is the vast, uneasy deep,
His requiem, the ocean's moans."

Bro. Smith was born in Delphi, New York, on the 17th day of January, 1860. Went to Arkansas in 1880, located at Hot Springs where he afterward lived. He was made a Mason in Hot Springs Lodge No. 62 in 1892, was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Hot Springs Chapter No. 47, honored in Hot Springs Council No. 23 in 1894, and Knighted in Hot Springs Commandery No. 5 the same year. He was elected Grand Senior Warden of that Grand Lodge in 1896, Deputy Grand Master in 1897 and Grand Master in 1898. His faithfulness an devotion to duty ceased only when his life went out in the rushing tide that carried desolation in its sweep on that fatal night.

Edwin Carlton Blackmar died at his home in Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday, the 7th day of October, 1900. No Brother was better known by the Masons of Iowa than he and none commanded greater respect. His counsels were wise and his labors in the interests of Masonry were ceaseless, and he was always true.

"He passed not as some pass,
A shapeless, shadowed glass,
Crushed by disdainful fate—
But like some sturdy tree
Whose leaves are honors; he
Fell at Life's outward gate."

Born at North Woodstock, Windom County, Conn., Sept. 7th, 1835. Made an Entered Apprentice Mason Dec. 6th, 1856, in Glenwood Lodge No. 58, Iowa. Raised May 2nd, 1857. Exalted by Corinthian Chapter No. 14 July 27th, 1865, afterward a member of Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, Knighted by Temple Commandery No. 4, December 29th, 1865, subsequently became a charter member of St. Omer Commandery No. 15. Elected Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge of Iowa in June 1880, appointed Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in June, 1885, elected Grand Master in June, 1887, and re-elected June, 1888, appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Charity in June, 1894, which position he held until his death.

Edwin L. Bowring died suddenly at his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan on the 26th day of October, 1900. Bro. Bowring was born

January 5th, 1849, in the town of Restgate, Surrey, England, and came to this country with his parents when two years of age. He received all his Masonic degrees in Grand Rapids. He was made a Mason in 1874, was Worshipful Master of Valley City Lodge No. 86 in 1889 and 1890, and High Priest of Grand Rapids Chapter No. 7 in 1892 and 1893. He was a member of DeMolai Commandery No. 5 and DeWitt Clinton Consistory. He was appointed Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge in 1892 from which office he was advanced year by year until 1895 when he was elected Grand Master and served one year with much ability.

William Harbron Turner died at Chicago, November 12th, 1900. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2nd, 1828. For a number of years resided at Alton, Illinois, and in 1859 removed to Chicago where he has since made his home. Bro. Turner was initiated into Free Masonry June 17th, 1851 in Piasa Lodge No. 27 at Alton, Ill., which Lodge he served as Junior Warden in 1853, as Senior Warden in 1854 and as Master in 1855. After taking up his residence in Chicago, in March, 1860, he became a member of Oriental Lodge No. 33. In 1853 he was also Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. He was elevated to the 33rd degree by the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, held at Boston in May, 1865, and was also Senior Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. He died full of honors as of years. He is gathered to his fathers—may he rest in peace.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell died November 13th, 1900, at his home in San Francisco. He was born August 10th, 1825, at Exeter, Otsego County, N. Y., and was by profession a Counselor at Law. He was initiated December 10th, 1850, passed May 7th, 1851, and raised to the degree of Master Mason June 7th, 1851 in Lafayette Lodge at Nevada City, Cal. He was Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of California, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, California, and for many years was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. He was also Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. At the time of his death he was Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the Southern Jurisdiction.

William Starling died at Greenville, Mississippi, December 10th, 1900. Bro. Starling was born at Columbus, Ohio, January 25th, 1839. He was a graduate of the University of New York. He entered the Union Army as Lieutenant of the Third Kentucky Cavalry and was afterward promoted to Major. He participated with gallantry in a number of the principal battles of the war. Bro. Starling was Past Grand Master of Masons, Past Grand High Priest, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, Past President of the Order of High Priesthood and Past Grand Commander of Templars of Mississippi.

Jas. Brundidge died at his home in Trinity, Alabama, March 13th,

1901. He was born in Franklin County, Tenn., Nov. 27th, 1812. Was initiated April 16th, 1838, in Athens Lodge No. 16, Passed January 14th, 1840 and Raised January 18th, 1840 in Helion Lodge No. 1, Huntsville, Ala. He was elected Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge in 1848 and annually thereafter until 1854. Was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1862, and in 1863 refused further advancement. In 1889 the office of State Grand Lecturer was created to which he was appointed and held the position until the time of his death.

Francis Leigh Pettus died in the city of Montgomery, Ala., March 6th, 1901. He was a member of Central Lodge No. 305, Selma. Was elected Junior Warden and Master of his Lodge in 1886 and 1887 respectively Was elected Junior Grand Warden in Dec., 1887, Senior Grand Warden in 1888 and 1889, Deputy Grand Master in 1890-1, Grand Master in 1892-3. He was appointed on the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence in 1894 and made chairman 1895, which position he held at the time of his death. Bro. Pettus was twice Speaker of the House of Representatives, twice President of the Senate, and if he had lived would have been a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He was trusted and honored by his home people and by the whole people of the state.

Henry Clay Armstrong died at his home in Auburn, Alabama, December 17th, 1900. His masonic career began in early manhood. He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 1865, exalted to the Holy Royal Arch in 1866 and knighted a Knight Templar in 1868. He was also a member of the Council. He was Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter for three years, Junior and Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master respectively for two years. At the time of his death he was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Lodge and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. He was, perhaps, the most impressive exemplifier of Masonic work in the state.

Jas. A. Tulleys died at his home in Red Cloud, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of January, 1901. Bro. Tulleys was born in Ross County, Ohio, on the 6th day of July, 1841. He was the first Master of Charity Lodge No. 53, at Red Cloud, and in June, 1880, was elected Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, serving in this capacity for one year, after having filled inferior positions. He had been similarly honored in other Masonic bodies of higher degrees. In June, 1894, he was appointed Grand Custodian and held that office until his death. His services as Grand Master and Grand Custodian were characterized by ability, zeal and fidelity to the Fraternity, and which were greatly appreciated by them.

John Howard Wayt died at Saunton, Virginia, February 13th, 1901. Bro. Wayt was born in Waynesboro, Virginia, October 23rd, 1844. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in December, 1883, and ascending by regular promotion through each intervening office was elected to the

Grand East in December, 1890, He declined a re-election in 1891.

William Reynolds Sipgleton departed this life on Saturday, February 23rd, 1901. Bro. Singleton was born in Norfolk, Virginia, October 24th, 1818. He was made a Mason in Naphtali Lodge No. 25 of St. Louis, Mo., received the 33rd degree January 20th, 1840. A few years later became a member of Independent Lodge No. 76 in Missouri of which he was Worshipful Master in 1848. He served as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1842 and 1843. On the organization of Pentalfa Lodge No. 23, of the City of Washington, D. C., May 4th, 1869, he became a Charter Member. In 1865 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and continued in that station until his death. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Missouri Chapter No. 1, received the Cryptic degrees in Missouri in 1841, was knighted in Washington Commandery No. 1, K. T., made an honorary Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33rd degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite by the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction May 7th, 1878. In the same year he was invested with the Royal Order of Scotland. "Paint me as I am" said Cromwell when the artist suggested the elimination of a facial blemish. No higher tribute can be paid to the memory of Bro. Singleton than to portray him as he was. His character was as near perfection as can be attained by a finite man.

John W. Paul died on the 3rd day of March, 1901. He was born in Portsmouth, England, May 31st, 1818. Bro. Paul was made a Mason in 1853, and held various offices, among which was that of Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 42, High Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 22, and was first Prelate of Clark Commandery No. 7, K. T. In 1862 he was elected Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. In 1886, he was elected Grand Commander. He was also Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for 1865, 1866, but on account of his removal to New York declined further service.

Edward Carroll Parmalee died at his home in Denver on May 10th, 1901. Bro. Parmalee was born in Waterbury, Vermont, May 16th, 1835. He moved to Ohio in 1853, to Iowa in 1856, to Minnesota in 1857 and to Colorado in 1860. He was made a Mason in Monroe Lodge No. 88 at Monroe, Iowa, was a Charter Member of Clearwater Lodge No. 28, at Clearwater, Minnesota. He affiliated with Central Lodge No. 6 at Central City, Colorado, and was Secretary and Junior Warden of this Lodge, became a Charter Member of Georgetown Lodge No. 48 in 1882, and was elected Master in 1883. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, October 6th, 1866, and annually since then. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado on the organization of the Grand Chapter, May 11th, 1875, and annually since. Elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar at its organization, March 14th, 1876, and annually since that time. Was a Knight Templar and coronated and proclaimed

a 33rd degree honorary A. A. Scottish Rite February 23rd, 1885.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, Charters were granted the following Lodges viz:

Aurora Lodge No. 56, at Carrington,
Hankinson Lodge No. 57, at Hankinson,
Khurum Lodge No. 58, at Gilby,
Independence Lodge No. 59, at Leal,
Century Lodge No. 60, at New Rockford,
Devotion Lodge No. 61 at Harvey,
Hunter Lodge No. 62, at Hunter.

I issued a commission appointing M.·. W.·. Bro. Geo. L. McGregor my Special Deputy to constitute and install the officers of the Aurora Lodge No. 56, Devotion Lodge No. 61 and Century Lodge No. 60. His report is as follows:

Fargo, N. D., July 24th, 1900.

Edwin H. James,
M.·. W.·. G.·. M.·., A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
St. Thomas, N. D.

M.·. W.·. Sir & Bro:—

In response to your request, and by virtue of the authority contained in the commission which you were pleased to issue to me, I submit the following report:

On Monday, July 16th, 1900, I arrived at Carrington, N. D., where I found the brethren expecting me. In the evening, I constituted Aurora Lodge No. 56, presented the Charter and installed its officers in form. This Lodge starts out with thirty members, has, at time of constituting, a large number of candidates some of whom have received part of the degrees. I was very much surprised to find a new lodge working so close to our Masonic Code, and its officers all inclined to become proficient in the work. There were a number of brethren present from New Rockford who assisted me in the work of constituting and installing.

On Tuesday, July 17th 1900, I proceeded to Harvey, where I constituted Devotion Lodge No. 61 and installed its officers in form, and delivered its Charter to the Master. This Lodge starts out with a small membership, having held but two or three meetings under its dispensation, which was only issued March last, but they have a number of candidates on the way with several petitions not yet acted upon. The members are all bright, enthusiastic young men and show great proficiency in perfecting the work considering the time since they received the Dispensation. Harvey is the division point of the "Soo" railroad, is growing fast, and, from information gained, I have no doubt but that Devotion Lodge will have a strong, healthy growth. The Lodge, at present, meets in the upper story of a large new brick school building (the room not being used

at the present for school purposes) but there will soon be finished a fine two story stone building, 50 x 100 ft., in which the Lodge has secured a space 32 x 50 ft., where they will have quarters equal to the best in the state. The ceremonies of constituting and installing were held in public, a large number of ladies and friends being present, after which a banquet was served in an adjoining room. I can assure you that I entertain the highest hope for the success of this new Lodge.

On July 18th, 1900, I arrived at New Rockford in the evening, constituted Century Lodge No. 60, installed its officers in form and presented the Charter to the Master. Century Lodge starts off with a good sized membership, the exact number of which I neglected to learn. They have some candidates who have received the Entered Apprentice and some the Fellow Craft degree. After the ceremonies of constituting and installing, I had the pleasure of seeing four candidates raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. This being the first work this Lodge had done in the Master Mason's degree, I was pleased to observe that they did it much nearer in accord with our work than do many of our older Lodges. A fact which I could not help but notice was the mature years of most of the members, the combined ages of whom I think, will equal a like number of any other Lodge in the state.

In conclusion, permit me to inform you that I was well received and well pleased with the result of my labors as your Deputy at all of the places herein named, and I believe you have every reason to expect excellent reports from all of these new Lodges during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

G. L. McGregor."

W.·. Bro. M. J. Holley, at my request, constituted Hankinson Lodge No. 57 September 21st, 1900, and installed its officers. He reports as follows:

"Blackmer, N. D., Sept. 23, 1900.

Edwin H. James,
M.·. W.·. G. M.,
St. Thomas, N. D.

Dear Brother:—

On Sept. 21st, 1900, I constituted Hankinson Lodge No. 57 and installed its officers according to instructions received in your Dispensation. The members seem to be enthusiastic and an intelligent lot of Masons. A brilliant future is predicted for this new lodge which is nicely located in splendid rooms. I was assisted in the ceremonies by the members of my own Lodge and also by members from Lidgerwood. The installation ceremony was held in public, and a banquet was served by the ladies equal to any I have ever attended in this state.

Fraternally,

M. J. HOLLEY."

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie was appointed my special deputy and constituted Hunter Lodge No. 62 and installed its officers. He makes the following report:

"Casselton, N. D., Sept. 29th, 1900.

Edwin H. James, Esq.,

M.·. W.·. G.·. M.·., A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,

St. Thomas, N. D.

Dear Sir & Bro:—

Pursuant to the commission granting me the power to act as your deputy in constituting Hunter Lodge No. 62 and installing its officers, I went to Hunter August 31st, 1900, and constituted such Lodge in due and ancient form, assisted by Grand Chaplain Ryan and many brethren from Casselton Lodge, and placed in the W. M's hands the charter of the Lodge. They have a splendid corps of working officers and members and I predict that their work will reflect credit on this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

E. GEORGE GUTHRIE,

Acting Dep. G. M."

W.·. Bro. W. S. Wilson was commissioned to constitute Independence Lodge No. 59 and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"Sanborn, N. D., July 31st, 1900.

Edwin H. James, G. M.,
St. Thomas, N. D.

M.·. W.·. Bro:—

I hereby most respectfully submit my report as your Deputy in the constitution of Independence Lodge No. 59, Leal, N. D.

Agreeably to your instructions, I visited Leal on the evening of July 26th, and by authority of a Commission issued July 10th, 1900, I constituted Independence Lodge No. 59 according to the ancient usages and customs ofthe Order, installed its officers and delivered the Charter of the Lodge to its Master. I was ably assisted in the ceremonies by brethren from Valley City Lodge No. 7 and Sanborn Lodge No. 14, after which we were entertained at a delightful banquet prepared by the ladies. The members of Independence Lodge No. 59 are earnest and enthusiastic, and am satisfied they will develop into a very strong Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WARREN S. WILSON,

Acting Dep. G. M."

W.·. Bro. John McDonald was appointed and constituted Khurum Lodge No. 58 and installed its officers. He makes the following report:

"Forest River, No. Dak., Oct. 1, 1900.

Edwin H. James,

M.·. W.·. G.·. M.·., A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,

St. Thomas, N. D.

Dear Sir & Bro:—

I hereby respectfully submit my report as your Acting Deputy in the constitution of Khurum Lodge No. 58 at Gilby. According to your instructions, I went to Gilby on Thursday, Sept. 27th, 1900, and by the power in me vested as your Deputy, I constituted Khurum Lodge No. 58 in regular form, installed its officers, and presented the Worshipful Master with the Charter of the Lodge. The records of the Lodge, I carefully examined and found correct and well kept by the Secretary. I was ably assisted by the members of Forest River Lodge No. 28 A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. in these ceremonies. Khurum Lodge starts off with a bright and intelligent set of officers who will be ably assisted by the members whose motto is "brotherly love, relief and truth" which was proven by the manner in which they entertained the visiting brethren. I predict a bright future for Khurum Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD,

Acting Dep. G. M."

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

Throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, peace and harmony reign supreme and our relations are most fraternal with sister Grand Jurisdictions. The particular Lodges are all enjoying, with but few exceptions, increased prosperity. I am delighted to be able to state that notwithstanding the failure in crops sixty-nine more Masons were raised in this Masonic year than for the year previous, and but ten less than for the year ending April 30th, 1899. Since then we have a total net increase in membership of 541. Our numbers are increasing steadily and I predict a more rapid growth during the next few years.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been granted during the past year:

1—To elect officers, thirteen.

2—To confer degrees in less than the statutory time, six.

3—To install officers publicly, two.

Three requests for dispensations to confer degrees in less than the statutory time were refused. In all cases where dispensations were granted to confer degrees in less than four weeks, it was on condition that the candidate should pass a satisfactory examination in the lecture of the preceding degree, with one exception. A soldier in the regular army was initiated in Mandan Lodge No. 8 and shortly afterwards was ordered to China. I granted a dispensation authorizing his Lodge to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees on the same night.

A communication was received from Northern Light Lodge No. 45, at Cooperstown, stating that all Past Masters and Wardens had refused to accept the election to the Master's chair for the ensuing year, and requesting a dispensation authorizing the Lodge to select a Master from among its floor members. Before granting this dispensation, I requested all members of the Lodge eligible to the chair to waive, in writing, all rights to the Master's office in the election for 1901. This action, I understand, has been a great benefit to the Lodge and I anticipate excellent results for the coming year.

A dispensation was granted Shiloh Lodge No. 1 to hold a regular communication February 15th, 1901, in the New Masonic Temple before all the paraphernalia had been removed from the old Lodge room. This was granted on condition that the brethren be notified of the change.

VISITATION.

When you honored me one year ago with the election as your Grand Master, I firmly resolved to visit the majority of the particular Lodges in the state, but owing to a pressure of business was unable to make but a few visitations, and in every instance was received most cordially.

More frequent visits by the Grand Master, or his deputy, would result in great benefit to the Craft, especially among the weaker lodges. A number of lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have never had the pleasure of entertaining the Grand Master, and, where we have no District Deputies, the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master should endeavor to make an official visit at least once a year to each particular Lodge. Nothing will inspire a Lodge with enthusiasm like a visitation from the Grand Master, and very often a few well chosen words will dispel all personal difference that many times exist among the Fraternity and which might otherwise terminate by destroying the very existence and usefulness of a lodge.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The appropriation of $100.00 made to meet the Grand Master's expenses in the discharge of his official duties is not sufficient, and if the Grand Master fulfills the duties of his office as he should, $100.00 will not more than pay one half of his actual expenses. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge is on a sound financial basis, I would recommend

that $200.00 be appropriated each year, to be used in the discretion of the Grand Master to meet the actual expenses incurred during the performance of the respective duties of his office. There is no reason why the Grand Master of this jurisdiction should pay part of his expenses while laboring in the interests of the fraternity. This recommendation, I trust, may receive your full consideration. I am satisfied it will prove a benefit to Masonry in the future.

JACKSONVILLE DISASTER.

Not for many years has any city in the United States been visited by such a disastrous fire as that which practically swept out the entire city of Jacksonville, Florida, leaving thousands of families homeless and destitute and destroying millions of dollars of property. Coming as it did so shortly after the great storm at Galveston, it would appear that never in the history of our country have we been called on to record two such calamities in a less period than a year.

When the Grand Lodge of Florida sent out an appeal for assistance to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the country to relieve the sufferers in Jacksonville, I immediately, through the Grand Secretary, sent a request for aid to each particular Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and I am pleased to report that every Lodge in the state in a position to contribute did so liberally. The subscriptions up to date are $257., received from the following Lodges:

Temple No. 30	$25.-
Shiloh No. 1	25.-
Wahpeton No. 15	10.-
Goose River No. 19	5.-
Anchor No. 25	5.-
Cando No. 40	10.-
Northern Light No. 45	10.-
Dakota No. 55	10.-
Minto No. 17	5.-
St. Johns No. 36	10.-
Golden Fleece No. 31	10.-
Fairmount No. 37	10.-
Reynolds No. 42	5.-
Cereal No. 9	5.-
Maple River No. 41	10.-
Century No. 60	25.-
Forest River No. 28	15.-
Tongue River No. 22	10.-
Fidelity No. 52	7.-
Bathgate No. 23	10.-
Occidental No. 27	10.-
Ellendale No. 13	10.-

Devotion No. 61	10.-
H. V. Hicks (personally)	5.-
	$257.-

BY-LAWS APPROVED

I have approved the by-laws of Bismarck Lodge No. 5, at Bismarck and Century Lodge No. 60, at New Rockford. A number of Lodges throughout the Grand Jurisdiction have not forwarded their by-laws for approval. This is a matter of importance and should have the immediate attention of the different Lodges.

INCORPORATION OF SECRET SOCIETIES.

The Legislature, at its last session, passed a law making it necessary for all secret societies to incorporate under the laws of the state. No action has yet been taken by this Grand Body, and I would recommend that the matter be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee that a proper recommendation may be made at this session in order to give the Grand Lodge time to take action.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following brethren have been commissioned Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota near their respective Grand Lodges:

November 10, 1900, Albert S. Reed near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

January 23, 1901, Edwin Osgood Upham near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

March 5, 1901, Douglad Dobie near the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

April 19, 1901, Richard Furman Divver near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

NEW LODGES.

Dispensations have been granted for the formation of three new Lodges as follows:

At Dickey, to be known as "Dickey Lodge U. D.", with
Charles Edward Bobo, W. M.,
George Daniel Bowe, S. W.,
John Colconlgh, J. W.,

At Hannah, to be known as "Ionic Lodge U. D.", with
Duncan McLean, W. M..
Charles B. McMillian, S. W.,
Charles A. Gilbert, J. W..

At Rugby, to be known as "Rugby Lodge U. D.", with
Fred L. Ely, W. M..
H. C. Hurd, S. W.,
W. W. Potters, J. W.

The rapid increase in the number of new Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction should be looked on with a certain amount of distrust. The state of North Dakota is enjoying a remarkable period of prosperity and development. The idle lands are being settled upon by people from all quarters of the globe, railroads are being extended and towns are springing up on every extension. The Masonic institution, needless to say, is keeping pace with this remarkable era of prosperity. In every town you will find members of the Craft who, in a great many instances, feel they are being deprived of the privileges of Masonry when so far from any Masonic Lodge. In this I heartily agree with them as it is certainly a great misfortune not to live in a town where there is a Lodge of Masons; but it is very frequently the case where there are eleven or twelve Masons in a small town they become anxious to institute a Lodge and frequently apply for a Dispensation when in many cases the opportunities for increasing the membership for years to come are limited. It is a well known fact that a Lodge, with a handful of members, is practically dormant and cannot exist and reflect any credit on the Masonic Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. Again, many new Lodges are so anxious to stand on a sound financial footing that they become careless and initiate candidates who otherwise would not be admitted to membership in an older Lodge. The institution of Masonry would be much better served by having one strong, healthy, progressive Lodge in a district than to have two or three Lodges scarcely capable of existing and retaining their Charter. I, therefore, would recommend that Section 17 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended as follows: by striking out the word "eleven" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twenty." With twenty Charter Members a Lodge is, from the start, self-sustaining, and will, as a rule, be more particular and accept nothing but the best material. The very fact that a Lodge is prosperous and progressive from the time of its institution would certainly be an inducement for the best citizens to apply for admission and be initiated into its mysteries. Your careful consideration of this subject is earnestly requested.

DECISIONS.

During the past year, a great many questions have been referred to me for decision. Some of them were answered by merely referring to our Grand Lodge By-Laws, Approved Decisions, etc. If the officers and members of the different Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction would carefully study our By-Laws, Constitution and Approved Decisions of Past Grand Masters, it would be of invaluable benefit to them personally and also relieve the Grand Master of a large amount of unnecessary work. However, I was pleased to answer all questions referred to me. The most important, I submit for your consideration.

Question 1,— Can an officer be installed by proxy?

Answer.— No. Where it is impossible for an officer to be

present for installation, a dispensation can be procured from the Grand Master empowering the Lodge to install such officer at some future date.

Question 2.—A formal request was received to waive jurisdiction in the case of rejected material of a Lodge at "A". The request, after laying over the prescribed period, was brought up at a regular communication and balloted on. The ballot was found cloudy, but on account of what appeared to be an invasion of the secrecy of the ballot, in that the Junior Warden called out, through ignorance of his duty, the number of black balls, and, before declaring the ballot, I ordered it spread again with the result that it was found cloudy. The request to waive jurisdiction was accordingly denied. Two weeks after, at a regular communication, a brother moved that the action referred to, be reconsidered alleging on the authority of the Senior Deacon that the ballot was fraudulent in that there were only eleven balloting while on the second ballot taken there were twelve ballots cast. As Master of the Lodge, I declined for various and obvious reasons to entertain the motion. The ballot was regular in every particular with the exception above indicated: i. e., the Junior Warden's mistake which was remedied by the second ballot. Please advise of your opinion in the matter.

Answer 2,— Your method of procedure in this case was correct. The ballot having been declared, no motion to reconsider could be entertained. The information furnished after the meeting by the Senior Deacon is without importance. No member of the Lodge outside of the Masters and Wardens has a right to inspect the ballot. In order to avoid any misunderstanding that might arise, the Master, after declaring the ballot, should remove from the box the ballots cast before passing it to the Senior Deacon.

Question 3.— In July, 1900, at a regular communication of this Lodge, with only a few members present—all young in Masonry, a number of names were presented by the Secretary, who were in arrears for dues. Out of the number, two were acted upon. The question was asked "Have these brethren been notified," and the answer "yes" given. A motion was passed suspending these two members, and they were duly notified of their suspension. This is all the action that was taken. Neither of them were in the jurisdiction of our Lodge at the time, one being in Europe and knew nothing of the action taken until the notice of suspension was received. Are these brothers legally suspended?

Answer 3.— The action taken by your Lodge in July was irregular, and the brethren still remain members until legally suspended. I refer you to Section 49 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws which states plainly the action your Lodge must necessarily take in order to suspend members for non-payment of dues.

Question 4.— According to our Grand Lodge By-Laws, no saloon keeper is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry. We have no saloon keepers in this state. We have what are called blind-piggers and also

druggists. Of course no Mason would recommend a blind-pigger for membership, but it is not so with the druggists. I will venture to say that four-fifths of the druggists in this state sell liquor as a beverage to anyone whom they think is safe, under a permit to sell for medical purposes. Some they require to sign a book kept for this purpose, others can get it without signing. What I want to know is, are such men eligible to receive the degrees under this jurisdiction? If not, would it affect their clerks in the same way?

Answer 4.— I refer you to page 49 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws under the head "Saloons", which states plainly that no person engaged in the business of retailing intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall be initiated into any particular Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, consequently any druggist or clerk so engaged is not eligible to receive the degrees. Your statement that four-fifths of the druggists in the state sold liquor as a beverage is, I consider, somewhat exaggerated. There are certainly a great many druggists in North Dakota, upright and conscientious men, who would not sell liquor knowingly for anything but legal purposes. Of course, it is impossible for a druggist to always know whether or not it is used legally; however, the particular Lodge should be the judge in this matter. Great care should be exercised, and no candidate admitted who makes it a practice of running a drug store as a blind pig to cover up the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Question 5.— A demitted member from a Lodge at "A" was suspended by a Lodge at "B" in 1893 or 1894 for running a blind pig. He now asks to be restored to membership, which action was taken by the Lodge at "B" by first appointing a committee to investigate. The committee reported favorably, and the ballot was spread under the same procedure as for initiation. The ballot showed one black ball. (a) Does the one black ball reject him, or does a two thirds vote restore him? (b)Does he have to be re-obligated and by what Lodge?

Answer 5.— (a) The action taken by your Lodge was correct, and the brother is rejected. He not being a member of your Lodge at the time of suspension, his application for restoration and membership would take the same course as is required in the case of a brother applying for admission by demit.

(b) No.

Question 6.—It developed in Passing a brother that owing to a gun shot wound received some years ago he could not raise his hand above his head. Nearly all the members of the Lodge have known the brother for years and had no idea of his condition. He is a farmer, does his own work, pitching hay and all other farm work, besides doing carpenter work on his buildings. It seems hard to stop him now, as he is a good man and will make a good Mason. Can we advance him without a dispensation or with one.

Answer 6.—No dispensation will be granted and the candidate cannot be advanced. The Grand Master has no desire to prevent any

Lodge from taking in good material, provided they are physically qualified for admission. In your case, the candidate cannot give some of the most important signs. It is always the duty of the committee appointed to investigate the character of a candidate to find out whether or not he is physically qualified for admission before making its report to the Lodge. You will find in the Grand Lodge By-Laws a number of decisions made by Past Grand Masters in this jurisdiction. These decisions have all been sustained by the Grand Lodge, and state that a candidate is not eligible to receive degrees unless he can give all the signs, grips and passwords and pass through the various ceremonies unaided by artificial means.

Question 7.— Is a candidate with one leg amputated at the hip eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry?

Answer 7.— No. Refer to page 73 of our Masonic Code, approved decision of Past Grand Master McGregor, 1895, under head "General Qualifications." I consider it unnecessary to make further ruling.

Question 8.— Our By-Laws require that a $10.- fee shall accompany an application for membership. This matter was overlooked in an application. The application was received and referred to the committee and the committee handed in their report. The petitioner now requests that his application be withdrawn. Can it be done?

Answer 8.— Yes. According to our By-Laws, the petition for initiation was incomplete unless the $10.- fee was inclosed. Your Lodge should not have received and accepted the application when the necessary fee did not accompany it. The proceeding, therefore, was irregular and the applicant refusing to pay the necessary amount to complete the petition leaves but one course for your Lodge to take, that is, withdraw the petition.

CONCLUSION.

When you conferred upon me the highest honor in your power to bestow, at the last session of the Grand Lodge, I felt somewhat diffident in accepting, knowing that the responsibilities in connection with the office were very great, and that the welfare of the Craft depended, to a large extent, on the manner in which the Grand Master exercised his prerogatives and fulfilled the important duties of his office.

It has been my aim, during the past year, to administer the affairs of this office in such a manner that no reflection could be cast on this Grand Jurisdiction. I have exercised my best judgment in all acts performed and did what I considered to be for the best interests of Masonry. From the Craft I received most kindly and courteous treatment, and to the Grand Secretary feel inuebted for many acts of kindness during the year. The Grand Lodge of this state is to be congratulated in having such an efficient officer as Brother Thompson.

In conclusion, brethren, let us today renew our fealty to this Order

and endeavor in the future to live more in accordance with the teachings of Masonry. The officers and members of this Grand Body should be men of the highest moral character. We should endeavor to live in such a manner that the history of our lives will reflect credit upon this ancient and honorable Institution.

Fraternally submitted,

Edwin H. James (30),

Grand Master.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thos. L. Foulks (12) then read his address.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

The calls upon your Deputy Grand Master have been very limited. Nothing of great importance has been referred to me during the absence of the Grand Master.

I have granted one dispensation to confer Master Mason's degree in less than the statutory time on account of the candidate leaving the state permanently.

One dispensation to receive petition, ballot and confer Master Masons degree at one meeting on a Brother who had received the Entered Apprenticeship and Fellow Craft degrees in the Military Lodge in the Phillippines. Candidate was leaving the following day for Manila.

Two dispensations were granted to hold public installations.

Complaint was made by Ellendale Lodge No. 13 that the Lodge at Eureka, S. D., had invaded their territory by initiating two candidates who were residents of their jurisdiction. I corresponded with the Grand Master of South Dakota in regard to the matter, and he returned me the fee which had geen collected and instructed Eureka Lodge to surrender the candidates to Ellendale Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

Thomas L. Foulks (12),

Deputy Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer takes pleasure in submitting the following

report of receipts and disbursements of his office for the fiscal year ending June 18th, 1901.

RECEIPTS

1900.			
June	18th	Cash balance on hand as per last report.....	$4,700.55
July	9th	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
July	10th	Received from Grand Secretary	210.00
Nov.	26th	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
1901			
Jan.	21st	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June	13th	Received from Grand Secretary	98.75
June	17th	Received from Grand Secretary	7.85
June	17th	Received from Grand Secretary	3,744.20
			$8 821.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900			
June	20th	By Order No. 94.....	$669.10
July	7th	By Order No. 95.....	100.00
July	7th	By Order No. 96.....	10.00
July	7th	By Order No. 97.....	100.00
July	7th	By Order No. 98.....	113.16
July	7th	By Order No. 99.....	400.00
July	13th	By Order No. 100.....	200.00
July	13th	By Order No. 101.....	90.62
Aug.	7th	By Order No. 102.....	90.63
Aug.	17th	By Order No. 103.....	63.90
Aug.	17th	By Order No. 104	7.50
Sept.	12th	By Order No. 105.....	100.00
Sept.	12th	By Order No. 106.....	90.62
Oct.	5th	By Order No. 107.....	100.00
Oct.	5th	By Order No. 108.....	90.63
Oct.	17th	By Order No. 109.....	100.00
Nov.	2nd	By Order No. 110	31.25
Nov.	2nd	By Order No. 111.....	100.00
Nov.	2nd	By Order No. 112.....	90.62
Dec.	6th	By Order No. 113.....	90.63
Dec.	11th	By Order No. 114.....	85.00
Dec.	11th	By Order No. 115.....	50.00
1901.			
Jan.	2nd	By Order No. 116.....	90.62
Feb.	6th	By Order No. 117.....	90.63

Feb.	6th	By Order No. 118	100.00
Mch.	12th	By Order No. 119	26.32
Mch.	2nd	By Order No. 120	90.62
April	2nd	By Order No. 121	90.63
May	3rd	By Order No. 122	200.00
May	8th	By Order No. 123	90.63
May	3rd	By Order No. 124	100.00
June	5th	By Order No. 125	90.63
June	17th	Balance on hand	5,077.62
			$8,821.35

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON D. LORD (26),

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

R∴ W∴ Frank J. Thompson (1) ,Grand Secretary, then submitted his report.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

It is again my privilege to submit my report as Grand Secretary, the ninth one which I have had the honor to make.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The Annual Returns of the Chartered Lodges and Lodges U. D. have all been received. In order to get the information so that our Grand Lodge membership cards may be transcribed from them, an unusual ly large amount of correspondence has necessarily ensued. To say the least, about 200 letters have been sent from this office to that end, and the returns are now all perfect.

Our membership April 30th, 1901, was 3742 as against 3492 the previous year.

During the year 328 candidates have been raised as against 259 last report.

The total amount of fees for degrees paid this year is $1021.50 as against $1236.25 last year, while the total amount received from dues and fees this year is $3744.20 as against $3719.50, yet the falling off in the fees from last year has been $214.75 although 69 more have been raised this year than last year. It is one of those curious things which crop up every now and then in matters staustical. I account for this condition by the fact that last year there were more initiations and passings than this year, and the heaviest part of the fees are in the Entered Ap-

prentice and Fellow Craft degrees, some Lodges having really no fee for the raising and others but a small part of the whole fee.

The largest number raised in any Lodge was Shiloh No. 1. of Fargo, raising 30 and admitting by affiliation 15. I find three lodges that have raised no candidate during the past year.

The Lodges whose Annual Returns were received first are:

St. Johns No. 36, Forest River. . . . . April 18th
Crescent No. 11, Grafton . . . . . April 22nd
Hope Lodge No. 29, Oakes . . . . . April 22nd
Northern Light No. 45, Inkster . . . . . April 23rd
Forest River No. 35, Inkster. . . . . April 25th
Tongue River, No. 22, Cavalier. . . . . April 30th.
Anchor No. 25, Milnor . . . . . April 30th

MEMBERSHIP REGISTER.

Before the session of the Grand Lodge 1900, all Lodges up to and including Dacotah Lodge No. 50 had been furnished with complete duplicate records of membership, including tray, etc. During the past year the information contained on the 1900 returns of the several lodges has been transcribed to cards and sent to the Secretaries of the respective lodges, so that there records were completed to the close of our fiscal year, April 30th, 1900. and the proper additions of similar cards made to the Grand Lodge register, making 768 cards that were transcribed. Lodges from No. 51 to 62 inclusive were also furnished with cards and tray and the Grand Lodge card register for these Lodges properly made, making a grand total of 1434 cards printed. It is, no doubt, understood that the cards are not sent to the Lodges from the Grand Secretary's office until the work is completed, and, hence, there are several hundred cards that are waiting the raisings of candidates or their elections by affiliation before they will be sent to the Lodges. This years work will, undoubtedly, have completed the work of those candidates who had not attained the Master's degree or been elected by affiliation at the close of last year's annual returns.

When the cards and trays were sent to the Lodges, there were several hundred names of which it was impossible, at that time, to obtain a full Masonic record. The work of gathering this information has gone on, and a large portion of the missing information has been furnished either by new cards or by letters to the Secretaries asking them to make changes and additions. A great many errors in the first information furnished, and which was transcribed to the cards, have been detected and the proper corrections sent to the various Secretaries.

I deemed it advisable to make a record, the same as the other Lodges have, for the Military Lodge; doubtless, as time goes on the fact that one was connected with the North Dakota Military Lodge will become to him of more and more importance. It may be of interest to know that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky also issued its dispensation to form a Military

Lodge during the Spanish-American War. The records of our Military Lodge which were turned over to us, while understanable, were not in proper shape in all particulars to make a record as our system contemplates. A large correspondence has taken place with the various members of the Military Lodge all over the United States and some of its dependencies, and which has been accumulated and is ready to be transcribed to cards and kept in permanent and accessible shape. Finding that I had exceeded the appropriation for membership register, and fearing the wrath of the powers that be, I ceased work upon the Military Lodge records and now await the action of this Grand Lodge.

To complete our records, there should be some work done on the records of Lodges defunct, but I have not done anything with that as yet.

Another large item of work done in connection with the Card System, and which was scarcely contemplated, was gathering information relative to unfinished work in the state and also as to rejections. This work has been considerable, for I have tried to obtain the same information relative to the various candidates that came under this head as though they had actually completed the degrees. This has entailed a large amount of assiduous correspondence and is one of the heavy items of expense.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

The Grand Secretary's offices are practically completed. I have had to use the Library vault as a store room, because the latter is not in shape for use, there being no appropriation for that purpose, and the same is absolutely without any heat in it, and during the winter was too damp to be used to store books or papers, and never will be in a fit condition to receive anything until a radiator is put in.

The offices have cost more to maintain than it was anticipated from the fact that when your Grand Secretary moved into them they and the library vault were so damp that it required constant fires to dry out the walls. During the winter no heat was furnished through the day until about January 1st when a small amount of steam was turned on about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. From about Jan'y the rooms were heated by steam from about 10 o'clock in the morning, all of which necessitated the running of two stoves, and often with the steam it was necessary to light the fires to keep the offices warm. The rooms being in the basement are naturally cool and damp, and after the steam was shut off in the Spring it was necessary again to start the stoves, and after the stoves were removed it was necessary, on many days, to keep the fire places burning in order to dry out the dampness and make the rooms fit places in which to work. The extra expense of heating, together with the inauguration of a new system of keeping accounts, which necessitated a specially made book, and the renewing of the supply of annual return blanks which were exhausted, have considerably increased the contingent expenses for the year.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Finance Committee, having checked up my accounts, and being in readiness to make a report on the same, I did not deem it necessary to anticipate them, and, therefore, willl eave that part for the Committee to bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge.

LIBRARY.

In moving the library, books, pamphlets, etc., from the old offices into the new library vault, they got mixed, and the result was that every book, pamphlet and proceeding had to be separated and placed in its proper place, and checked in the catalogue.

The proceedings and magazines, beginning with the last bound volumes, have been re-arranged and tied together and are now ready to be sent to the binders. There are 222 volumes awaiting binding. In order to get the books in shape for binding considerable work had to be done to ascertain what proceedings were missing, and it also required a vast amount of correspondence to obtain the same. I am sorry to state that in many instances it has been, thus far, impossible to fill the wants of the library in this regard. It became necessary also to purchase a number of book cases to hold the volumes. Every book is catalogued, and I had hoped to make a new catalogue of the miscellaneous volumes but could not get around to do so before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but the catalogue of proceedings has been revised.

The following additions have been made to the library during the year:

History of Freemasonry, 5 vols.—Mackey & Singleton.

General History, Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry—Mackey (donation.)

History of Freemasonry in Canada, 2 vols.—Robertson.

Souvenir General Grand Chapter, R. A. M.—Grand Chapter Ohio (donation).

Webb's Monitor, 1st Ed. 1797—Historical Society of New York (donation).

History Grand Chapter R. A. M., Illinois—Warvelle (donation).

Sesqui Centennial Pro. G. L. Pennsylvania (donation), and other miscellaneous pamphlets from G. L. Penn. received through Bro. Geo. P. Rupp, Libr.

Constitution, By-Laws, Decisions, etc., G. L. Oregon (donation).

Constitution and Digest Gr. Enc. K. T. and Laws Gr. Com. Missouri (donation),

Masonic Code of Nevada (donation).

Ahiman Rezon G. L. Pennsylvania (donation) 1857.

Ahiman Rezon G. L. Pennsylvania (donation) 1857 & 1893,

Book of the Law, Gr. Com. Pennsylvania (donation),
Semi-Centennial Girard College 1848-1898 (donation),
Gems from the Quarry, 3 vols. - Brownell,
Ancient Empires of the East - Sayce,
The Railroad Question - Larrabee (donation),
Compendium of History and Biography of North Dakota—Ogle & Co.
Census of Cuba, 1899 - U. S. Government (donation),
Census of Porto Rico - U. S. Government (donation),
War of the Rebellion Records, Union and Confederate Armies, 5 vols. - U. S. Government (donation),
Via Crucis—Crawford.
Devil Worship in France - Waite,
History of the Christian Religion - Waite,
Sixth & Seventh Books of Moses,
Library South Africa,
Werner's Encyclopedia, 12 vols.

Through courtesy, the Grand Lodge Library is in receipt of the following publications:

American Tyler, Detroit, Mich.
Australasian Keystone, Melbourne, Australia.
Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind.,
Freemason, Toronto, Can.,
47th Problem, Chicago, Ill.,
Kansas Craftsman, Wichita, Kas.,
Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee, Wis.,
Masonic Home Journal, Louisville, Ky.
Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind.
Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo.
Mystic Tie, Elkins, W. Va.
Masonic Voice & Review, Chicago, Ill.
Masonic Standard, N. Y.
Masonic Journal, Portland, Me.
Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, Ohio.
Palestine Bulletin, Detroit, Mich.,
Orient & Sheaf, Kansas City, Mo.,
Pacific Mason, Seattle, Wash.,
Square & Compass, New Orleans, La.
Signet, Hot Springs, S. D.
Tennessee Mason,
Texas Freemason, San Antonio, Tex.,
Western Mason, Winnipeg, Man.

When the unbound volumes and other storage property [illegible] eliminated from the library vault and the bound volumes properly shelved, the Grand Lodge will have not only pleasant and commodious quarters, but a place in which the books are secure except that the windows are now without any fireproof shutters, and thus, in a measure, neutralizing the

efforts made to furnish the Grand Lodge with a fire proof library vault. During the year Bro. Robert Freke Gould, author of "Gould's History of Freemasonry", has issued a history of military lodges which includes a history of the Military Lodges which have been established in the American armies from the Revolution down to and including our own Military Lodge. He also expects to issue a "Concise History of Freemasonry" which will be published shortly. Bro. Gould is too well known as an historian of Masonic events to need any commendation at my hands, but I make this mention believing that many brothers would like to know of the existence of these works, and, perhaps, sometime avail themselves of obtaining the same.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion permit me to say there is something of sadness in the office of Grand Secretary. This officer is always in touch with the various Grand Secretaries of the bodies in which he holds similar positions, and, in many instances, there is a personal acquaintance and friendship existing among them. Why it should occur, but for the past few years these officials of Grand Bodies have been passing from earthly life with apparent increased numbers. During the past year, four Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges and six of Grand Chapters and Grand Commanderies have passed away, each Brother, in his own state, being perhaps, the best known Mason in it, and who commanded the respect and confidence of the Masonic world.

Bro. John Warren Laflin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Masonic and Templar Bodies of Wisconsin, after seventeen years of service laid down his labors on earth forever.

William Reynolds Singleton, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia for the past thirty-six years, and Edward Carroll Parmalee, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commander of Colorado for thirty-five years, and Henry Clay Armstrong, of Alabama, for nearly a generation in the work as the Grand Secretary of the various Grand Bodies, yielded up their lives during the first year of the new century.

Thomas Hubbard Caswell who, for twenty-one years, was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of California, and Horace Munson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter since 1892, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery since 1886 of North Carolina, have passed out.

And now, lying at death's door, is the Nestor of Grand Secretaries, Bro. Theodore Sutton Parvin, who, since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Iowa 1844, has been its Grand Secretary, the first and only Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, and whose term of office contains more years than the life of any delegate here present except a very few.

The Grand Secretary also keeps in touch with the Grand Officers of his own jurisdiction, and where the average delegate meets them but once in most instances, and Past Grand Officers usually only as they attend the Grand Lodge, yet the Grand Secretary sees them year after year and meets them in fraternal and social ways, and learns to look upon them as pillars of our Institution, and as they fall one by one the regret and sorrow of parting from our friends comes. And thus I say mingled in the life's work of a Grand Secretary, are those touches of sadness which seem but added tragedies to those common to all of us.

Thanking the brethren of this grand jurisdiction for courtesies received and friendships extended, I remain.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Lecturer then read his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

During the past year, after due notice given, I visited the thirteen Lodges designated by the Grand Lodge as places for holding schools of instruction; namely, Oakes, Wahpeton, Casselton, Larimore, Grand Forks, Grafton, Devils Lake, Willow City, Minot, Jamestown, Bismarck, Edgeley and Lisbon. Date of visits as follows:

December 21st, 1900. Hope Lodge No. 29, at Oakes.

January 4th, 1901. Maple River Lodge No. 41, at Edgeley.

January 10th and 11th, 1901. Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, at Wahpeton, but owing to the funeral of our late lamented Bro. Don R. Davidson we were unable to hold a school on the night of the 10th. However, on the night of the 11th, I met with the brethren and conferred the E. A. degree.

Jan. 19th, 1901. Casselton No. 3, at Casselton.

Jan. 23 and 24, 1901. Jamestown No. 6, at Jamestown.

Jan. 28 and 29, 1901. Bismarck No. 5, at Bismarck

Feb. 5th, 1901. Sheyenne Valley No. 12, at Lisbon.

Feb. 21 and 22, 1901. Acacia No. 4, at Grand Forks.

Feb. 26 and 27, 1901. Crescent No. 11, at Grafton.

March 19th, 1901. North Star No. 16, at Larimore.

March 21st, 1901. Minnewaukan No. 21, at Devils Lake

March 27th, 1901. Willow No. 47, at Willow City.

March 30th, 1901. Star in the West No. 33, at Minot.

With very few exceptions, I found both officers and members interested in getting the work perfect.

No delegates from outside Lodges in the district attended these schools but out of forty-nine Lodges who were expected to send delegates forty of them held schools in their own Lodges, many of them holding, by request, a two days' session, and Carrington leading them all with three days. The Lodges not represented at district schools and not holding special schools were:

Pembina No. 2, at Pembina.
Mizpah No. 39, at Sheldon.
Independence No. 59, at Leal,
Hamilton No 35, at Hamilton,
Hankinson No. 57, at Hankinson.
Mackey No. 18, at LaMoure,
Mouse River No. 43, at Towner.

In justice to Mouse River No. 43, at Towner, I will state that they requested a school, but on account of losing their Lodge by fire they could not hold it.

By request of the brethren, I visited Lodges U. D. at Hannah and Rugby, and held a two days' session at each place. The enthusiasm and interest taken in the work at both of these places leaves no doubt in my mind of their success, and will ever be a pleasant recollection to me.

I would like to insert in my report a list of the Lodges in the state whose work I am proud of, but, lest the names of some might not be in the list, I will omit them for this time. The work of the Lodges generally is good, and I like to think that I have not labored in vain.

I attach a map of North Dakota and folders of the different railroads to show that I have charged the Grand Lodge the least possible number of miles necessary for me to have travelled in order to visit the thirteen district schools. The facts are that I did not make the trips in the directions indicated at all, because in visiting the different Lodges all over the state many times I had to drive by team and sometimes got on a different line of railroad altogether, but in settling my mileage with those Lodges I always charged them transportation only from the nearest point that I would have passed through had I made the trip to the thirteen district schools by the nearest possible route, or else I charged them difference between what I had coming from Grand Lodge for mileage and what it actually cost me for livery.

MILEAGE STATEMENT.

	Miles.
Oakes to Wahpeton, (1) to Fairmount, see Soo folder P. 3	72.6
(2) to Wahpeton, see Mil. folder P. 49	15.1
Wahpeton to Casselton, see G. N. folder P. 34	55
Casselton to Larimore, see G. N. folder P. 34	75
Larimore to Grand Forks, see G. N. folder P. 9	28
Grand Forks to Grafton, see G. N. folder P. 28	40

Grafton to Devils Lake, (1) see G. N. folder P. 28 to Grand Forks	40
(2) see G. N. folder P. 9, Grand Forks to Devils Lake	89
Devils Lake to Willow City, see G. N. folder P. 9 to Rugby	57
(2) see G. N. folder P. 35 to Willow City	21
Willow City to Minot (1), see G. N. folder P. 21 to Rugby	21
(2) see G. N. folder P. 9 to Minot	61
Minot to Jamestown (1), see Soo folder P. 4, to Carrington .. .	116.3
(2), see N. P. folder P. 18, to Jamestown	44
Jamestown to Bismarck, see N. P. folder P. 12	101
Bismarck to Edgeley, (1), see N. P. folder P. 12, to Jamestown ..	101
(2), see N. P. P. 18 folder to LaMoure	49
(3), see N. P. folder P. 15 to Edgeley	21.4
Edgeley to Lisbon, see N. P. folder P. 15	53.2
Lisbon to Oakes, (1) see N. P. folder P. 15, to LaMoure	21.8
(2) see N. P. folder P. 18, to Oakes	20
Total	1102.4
Oakes to Wahpeton, 87.7 miles and Minot to Carrington, 116.3 miles at 3 cents per mile	$ 6.12
Balance 898.4 miles at 2½ cents mileage	22.45
	$28.57

Received from Grand Secretary		$50.00
Mileage account	$28.57	
Stamps and stationery	5.50	
Balance due Grand Lodge	15.93	$50.00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN SCOTT (29),

Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W∴ Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), Chairman of the Finance Committee then read the report of such Committee and moved its adoption, and which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance begs leave to report that, agreeably to custom, this Committee convened the day previous to the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has completely examined the books, records and vouchers of the offices of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find the same correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts, namely:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report		$ 4700.55
Charter Fees, Aurora, Hankinson, Khurum, Independence, Century, Devotion and Hunter Lodges		210.00
Cash from Dues and Fees 1900-1		3744.20
Sale of G. L. Codes		5.00
Cash from Card Trays and Records		92.10
Cash for Morals and Dogmas		4.50
Cash for Fine from Ellendale Lodge No. 13		5.00
Cash for Dispensations, Dickey, Ionic and Rugby Lodges		60.00
		$ 8821.35
Amount due Gr. Sec. Contingent Fund	$ 73.62	
Amount due Gr. Sec. Registry Fund	87.66	
Amount due Gr. Sec. Finishing Offices	121.49	
Amount due Gr. Sec. Printing Proceedings	.30	268.07
In hands Gr. Sec., Finishing Offices		480.22
		$ 9569.64

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous Appropriations	$ 2187.26
Printing Proceedings	131.55
Membership Registry	252.66
Grand Lecturer	113.90
Finishing Grand Secretary's Offices	1023.03
Moving Account	60.75
Postage	69.60
Miscellaneous Printing	74.80
Express and Freight	21.25
Engraving and Charters	7.00
Furniture	55.19
Rent	15.00
Miscellaneous Contingent	435.78
Balance in hands of Treasurer	5077.62
Balance in hands of Gr. Sec. Moving Account	39.25
	$ 9569.64

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in hands of Treasurer June, 1900	$ 4700.55
Cash received from Grand Secretary	4120.80

Cash expended by Grand Secretary		$ 4452.77
Cash in hands of Grand Secretary	480.22	
Cash advanced by Grand Secretary	268.07	
June 18, 1901 in hands of Grand Treasurer		5077.62
June 18, 1901, cash in hands of Grand Secretary unexpended balance Moving Account		39.25
	$ 9569.64	$ 9569.64

LIBRARY FUND.

RECEIPTS:

Balance from last year	$ 264.39
Received from per capita tax 1900-1	363.30
	$ 628.19

EXPENDITURES:

On account of rent	$ 12.00
On account of books	109.98
On account of miscellaneous expense	82.21
On account of furniture	82.75
Balance on hand	$ 341.25
	$ 628.19

We find that Hillsboro Lodge No. 10, Tuscan Lodge No. 44, Evergren Lodge No. 46 and Walhalla Lodge No. 50 failed to make their payments by May 15th, 1901, as provided by the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and we recommend that the customary fine of $5.00 be imposed on said particular Lodges.

We also find that Euclid Lodge No. 24, fined by the Grand Lodge, of 1900 the sum of $5.00 for failing to make annual report within proper time, has ignored the edict of the Grand Lodge by neglecting to pay said fine, wherefore your Committee recommend that the charter of said Lodge be arrested if said fine is not paid in full to the Grand Secretary on or before July 15th, 1901.

We find further that there remains due the Grand Lodge from Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12 the sum of $9.00 for Morals and Dogmas, and we would recommend that said Lodge be required to pay said amount on or before July 15th, 1901.

Your Committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing Proceedings	150 00
Registry	150.00
Contingent	700.00
Cash advanced by Gr. Sec.	268.07

Your Committee is pleased to find that in spite of the hard times consequent on the short crop of 1900, the receipts of the Grand Lodge for dues and fees have exceeded those of last year, and your Committee congratulates the Grand Lodge on this happy result.

Fraternally Submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),

GRANT S. HAVER (30)

E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),

ROBERT MORRISON (2)

Committee.

PETITION FROM CENTURY LODGE NO. 60.

The Grand Master then read the following petition and referred it to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"New Rockford, N. D., June 10, 1901

Edwin H. James, Grand Master,

Grand Lodge A.∴ F.∴ & A.∴ M.∴ N Dak.

Dear Sir & Brother:—

We, the undersigned officers and brothers of Century Lodge No. 60 A.∴ F.∴ & A.∴ M.∴ would respectfully state that Brother George A. Lovell has been Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft before the discovery of the fact that he could not raise his left hand above his head, but there is no other physical defect and all further advancement has stopped pending your decision. The defect in his left arm is caused by a gun shot wound which will more fully appear from the statement of his physician hereto appended.

We would, therefore, petition you to bring this matter before the

next Grand Lodge with our request that we be allowed to advance him to the Master Mason degree.

(Signed)

WILLIAM E. BIGGS, W. M.,
CHARLES E. CLURE, S. W.,
ERNEST S. SEVERTSON J. W.,
D. NIVEN, Treas.,
WILLIAM C. HAYES, Sec'y.,
J. S. BENNETT, S. D.,
R. R. WOODWARD,
W. O. BAIRD,
J. H. HOHL,
W. C. DRESSER,
C. J. MADDOX,
D. Y. STANTON,
H. T. RODENBERG,
W. C. SCHWOEBEL,
JAMES HACKNEY,
P. J. BRASMAN,
H. J. MITCHELL,
GEO. M. PIKE,
PETER PRADER,
G. W. BROWNELL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the Grand Master's Address as refers to Fraternal dead be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

2. That so much thereof as refers to increased appropriation for Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Finance.

3. That so much thereof as refers to Incorporation of Lodges in the State be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much thereof as refers to amendment of Section 17 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, requiring twenty signatures to a Petition for a new Lodge instead of eleven, be referred to a Committee on By-Laws.

5. That so much thereof as refers to Decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

6. That so much thereof as refers to granting Dispensations for new Lodges, together with their returns, be referred to a Committee on Lodges U. D.

That all other matters contained therein not herein referred to need no reference, they coming within the purview of his prerogatives.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

That the matter contained in the Address of the Deputy Grand Master, being clearly within his prerogatives, needs no reference.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

That the Report of the Grand Treasurer, having been checked up by the Finance Committee, needs no further reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

7. That so much of the Report of the Grand Secretary as refers to Annual Returns of Chartered Lodges be referred to a Commitee on Chartered Lodges.

8. That so much thereof as refers to fireproof windows for the Grand Lodge Library vault and fixing up store room be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much thereof as refers to financial matters, the same having been checked up by the Finance Committee, needs no reference.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

11. That the Report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to a Special Committee on Grand Lecturer.

Fraternally submitted,

HALLEY V. HICKS (28).
JAMES L. GREEN (39)
WILLIAM M. CHANDLER (11),
WILLIAM ROBERTSON (23).
GEORGE AUSTIN (8),

Committee.

WORKING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the folowing Committees for the current session of the Grand Lodge:

Mileage and Per Diem:—Sylvester J. Hill (1), Charles L. Grandin (25), William Harrison (10), Benjamin L. Lewis (30), Thomas J. Sharpe (50).

Obituary:—William J. Glass (28), George B. Simpson (59), Charles A Tuttle (37), Thomas E. Morgan (52), Emery T. Guptil (56).

Lodges U. D.:—Carl Aurland (33), Edwin L. Scofield (32), Marshal D. Miller (36), Duncan J. Drummond (46), Stillman E. Brown (18).

Chartered Lodges:—James Foley (5), William F. Winter (34), George F. Erskine (35), Harry C. Flint (6), George H. Glass (54).

Grand Lecturer:—James H. Black (14), William H. Welch (16), Robert Fox (43), Albino R. Stone (12), Horace G. Klesper (15).

By-Laws—Walter L. Stockwell (11), Louis Jacobson (27), Charles K. Wing (38), Charles H. Baker (21), James A. Blacklock (35).

FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

The Finance Committee made a Supplemental Report, which, on motion of R∴ W∴ Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴, & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Whereas, Your Committee on Finance find that there will be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at all times during the coming year, over and above fixed expenses and appropriations, the sum of $3,000.—would therefore, respectfully recommend that your Grand Treasurer be instructed to deposit upon certificate in some bank or banks, within the State of North Dakota, the sum of $1,500.—at a rate of interest not less than 4 per cent per annum.

Fraternally Submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO DIMITS.

W∴ Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) presented an amendment to the By-Laws relative to the manner of securing dimits, and moved that it be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Carried.

ANENT GRAND MASTERS APRONS.

W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) introduced the following resolution and suggested that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bro. August Brodkorb (41) moved that the resolution be adopted.

R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved to amend the same by including aprons to the families of deceased

Grand Masters, which amendment prevailed, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Whereas, The Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in 1894 authorized the purchase of aprons for all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge when the funds of the Grand Lodge would permit, and

Whereas, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is now such that said authority should be acted upon, therefore be it

Resolved that a Special Committee be appointed to draft a design for Past Grand Masters' Aprons, and that aprons fashioned after this design be purchased for all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge and also for the family of Past Grand Master Best, said aprons not to cost more than $20 each.

RESOLUTIONS TO GRAND SECRETARY THEODORE S. PARVIN.

W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), moved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy to M∴ W∴ Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, on account of his present serious illness.

The Grand Master appointed as such committee M∴ W∴ Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), R∴ W∴ Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), and R∴ W∴ Bro. Thomas L. Foulks (12).

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

It was announced that Shiloh Lodge No. 1 A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴, of Fargo, would, this evening, exemplify the work of the Third Degree upon Bro. John C. Hunter, of Fargo, in the Auditorium in which the Grand Lodge session was held, and to which all delegates to the Grand Lodge were cordially invited.

The hour being 5:15, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9:40 a. m.

REPORT OF MILEAGE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Mileage made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. James W. Foley (5), was adopted

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due Representatives, report as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treas-

urer for the sum of $883.05 to be paid by him to the proper Representatives as hereinafter designated:

No.	LODGE	LOCATION	Miles	Mile'ge	Per Diem	BRO. RECEIPTING
1	Shiloh	Fargo	...	....	$4 00	S. J. Hill
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	....	....	.....
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	$ 1 00	4 00	H. J. Rowe
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3 90	4 00	Wallace Huff
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	196	...	....	.....
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4 65	4 00	John A. Masters
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	....	....	.....
8	Mandan	Mandan	207	10 35	4 00	Geo. Austin
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2 10	4 00	W. J. Sansburn
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1 95	4 00	W. J. Harrison
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5 85	4 00	Wm. Chandler
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2 80	4 00	A. R. Stone
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	6 00	4 00	B. S. Hodges
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3 50	4 00	James H. Black
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2 3	4 00	H. G. Klepper
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5 20	4 00	W. H. Welch
17	Minto	Minto	107	5 35	4 00	Jno. Bathgate
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88	4 40	4 00	S. E. Brown.
19	Goose River	Portland	68	....	....	.....
20	Hiram	Page	53	2 65	4 00	E. Q. Carver
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	8 25	4 00	Chas. H. Baker.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7 45	4 00	L W. Musselman
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7 45	4 00	Wm. Robertson.
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	....	....	.....
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4 40	4 00	E. C. Harvey
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	....	....	.....
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	W. J. Milligan
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6 15	4 00	W. J. Glass
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	H. C. McCartney
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6 55	4 00	B. L. Lewis
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	5 60	4 00	J. E. Wiper
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15 45	4 00	John Riessbeck
33	Star in the West	Minot	285	14 25	4 00	C. Aurland
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8 95	4 00	W. F. Winter
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7 10	4 00	G. F. Erskine
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5 50	4 00	M. D. Miller
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3 05	4 00	C. A. Tuttle
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6 80	4 00	C. K. Wing
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	2 10	4 00	J. L. Green
40	Cando	Cando	199	9 95	4 00	E. T. Judd
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5 50	4 00	Aug. Brodkorb
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2 85	4 00	B. Lavalley
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12 45	4 00	R. A. Fox
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13 00	4 00	Thos. Sims
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5 30	4 00	Oscar D. Purinton
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9 65	4 00	D. J. Drummond
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12 10	4 00	Frank Sims
48	Milton	Milton	164	....	...	.....
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	....	....	.....
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	18 30	4 00	T. J. Sharpe
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	420	....	....	.....
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6 60	4 00	T. E. Morgan
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5 05	4 00	J. A. Black
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	201	10 05	4 00	Geo. H. Glass
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	3 10	4 00	C. L. Grandin
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6 80	4 00	E. T. Guptil
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4 40	4 00	W. E. Spotten
58	Khurum	Gilby	103	5 15	4 00	R. M. McLean
59	Independence	Leal	78	3 90	4 00	Geo. R. Simpson
60	Century	New Rockford	153	7 65	4 00	W. C. Hayes
61	Devotion	Harvey	167	8 35	4 00	Clayton Cox
62	Hunter	Hunter	40	2 00	2 00	W. H. Rogers
UD	Dickey	Dickey	104	5 20	4 00	C. E. Bobo
UD	Tonic	Hannah	201	10 05	4 00	D. McLean
UD	Rugby	Rugby	224	11 20	4 00	Fred L. Ely

Grand, Past Grand Officers and Standing Committees

NAME	LOCATION	Miles	Mil'age	Per Diem	BRO. RECEIPTING
Edwin H. James, G. M.....	St. Thomas.....	131	$ 6 55	$4 00	Edwin H. James..
Thos L. Foulks, D. G. M.....	Fargo.....	.....	....	4 00	Thos. L. Foulks.....
Walter L. Stockwell, G. . W.	Grafton.....	117	5 85	4 00	W. L. Stockwell....
Clinton D. Lord, G. Treas.....	Park River	140	7 00	6 00	C. D. Lord..... .
Samuel E. Ryan, G. Chap.....	Casselton	20	1 00	4 00	S. E. Ryan .....
Thos. E. Fox, G. S. D.....	Willow City.....	242	12 10	4 00	T. E. Fox..... ....
Jas. T. Blacklock, G. J. D....	Hamilton.....	142	7 10	4 00	J. T. Blacklock.. .
Jas. W. Foley, G. S. S.....	Bismarck..	195	9 75	4 00	James W. Foley...
Louis A. Jacobson, G. J. S...	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	L. A. Jacobson....
Thos. Harrison, G. M.....	Blanchard	39	1 95	4 00	Thos. Harrison...
John Riesbeck, G. S. B.....	Dickinson.....	309	15 45	4 00	E. L. Scofield.....
O. H. Phillips, G. Pur.	Larimore.....	104	5 20	4 00	O. H Philipps. ...
John Scott, G. Lec.....	Oakes	98	4 90	4 00	John Scott.....
Herbert J. Gibson, D. G. S....	Fargo..... .	....	....	4 00	H. J. Gibson .. ..
John F. Selby, P. G. M..	Hillsboro	39	1 95	4 00	J. F. Selby .....
James McDonald, P. G. M....	Grafton..	117	5 85	4 00	James McDonald..
Geo. L. McGregor, P. G. M....	Fargo.....	....	....	4 00	G. L. McGregor...
Robert M. Carothers, P. G. M.	Grand Forks.....	78	3 90	4 00	R. M. Carothers..
Geo. H. Keyes, P. G. M.....	Ellendale.....	140	7 00	4 00	Geo H. Keyes....
John A. Percival, P. G. M.....	Fargo	....		4 00	....
Wm. James, P. G. S. W	Bathgate.....	149	7 45	4 00	W James.....
Jas. S. Campbell, P G. J. W.	Fargo.....	....	....	4 00	.....
Chas. E. Jackson, P. G. Treas.	Pembina	162	8 10	4 00	C. E. Jackson.....
Geo. A. Luce, P. G. Treas .	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	Geo. A. Luce .....
Chas. A. Harris, P. G. Treas.	Grafton..... ...	117	5 85	4 00	Chas. A. Harris...
Evarts C. Stevens, P. G. Treas	Towner.....	249	12 45	4 00	E. C. Stevens.....
A. B. Taylor, Fin. Com	Fargo.....	....	....	6 00	A. B. Taylor ..
Grant S. Hager, Fin. Com	St. Thomas.... ...	131	6 55	6 00	Grant S. Hager....
E. Geo. Guthrie, Fin. Com...	Casselton....	20	1 00	6 00	E G. Guthrie ....
Robert Morrison, Fin. Com...	Pembina	162	8 10	6 00	Robert Morrison..
John McDonald, Griev. & App	Inkster.....	123	6 15	4 00	John McDonald...
Benj. F. Walden, " " "	Hope	66	3 30	4 00	B F. Walden.....
Hailey V. Hicks, " " "	Oakes..	98	4 90	4 00	H. V. Hicks.....
John Nelson, " " "	Larimore.....	104	5 20	4 00	John Nelson.....

Fraternally submitted,

SYLVESTER J. HILL (1),
WILLIAM J. HARRISON (10),
THOMAS J. SHARPE (50),
BENJ. L. LEWIS (80),
CHARLES L. GRANDIN (55),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—INCREASING NUMBER TO FORM NEW LODGE.

The special committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted by a three-fourths vote.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Special Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Address wherein he recommended that Section 17 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "eleven," in line three of that section, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "twenty," begs leave to submit the following report:

That we do hereby approve said recommendation and that the word "twenty" be substituted for the word "eleven."

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11)
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
CHARLES K. WING (38),
CHARLES H. BAKER (21)
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),

Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. William J. Glass (28), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Obituary, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address referring to Fraternal Dead, begs leave to report as follows:

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has called from this temple of life many distinguished workers during the past year to join that innumerable caravan beyond the grave, whose labors have been the upbuilding of the great moral structure of Freemasonry, and the greatest part of whose lives were spent in the services of their fellow men, and whose influence has always been for good, and their brethren having honored them in their work, mourn their departure from among the Craftsmen.

Within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, it has pleased the Supreme Architect to call upon twenty Lodges to mourn the loss of thirty-

five members, surrendering them to his will to continue the work in that Celestial Lodge above. Let us, therefore, believe that their work was done; that ours is yet to be completed; that their influence and good deeds shall still live and have their beneficial influence upon us; that the Supreme Architect takes them now to prepare for that final re-union of the Craft in the everlasting Ward of the Spiritual Temple above. Yet, for the surrender of earthly ties and the sorrow of stricken and bereaved brethren, there must be genuine sympathy and fraternal sorrowing with them.

Your Committee feels that with reference to those Craftsmen of other jurisdictions, who have been called from the labors of this life to that everlasting refreshment in the paradise of God, suitable tribute has there been paid, and that this Grand Lodge extends fraternal sympathy and re-echoes the sentiments expressel in the several instances.

This report calls especial attention to the death of R.·. W.·. Bro. Don R. Davidson, who was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in 1895. Bro. Davidson was a leader in the local Lodge and a valuable member of the Grand Lodge, and the higher bodies of Masonry in the state. His advice was always as kindly given as it was heartily received.

We also note among the departed the name of Bro. Joseph W. Hildreth, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Henry E. Vaughn and J. F. C. DuPre our Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and South Carolina respectively, and we recommend that suitable memorial pages be set apart for them and the R.·. W.·. Bro. Donald Rae Davidson.

Your Committee feels that it should not close its report without reminding those who are still with us of the close of life, and can do no better than quote a verse from Burns' "Mountain Daisy."

"Even thou who mourn'st the Daisy's fate,
That fate is thine—no distant date;
Stern Ruin's ploughshare drives elate,
Full on thy bloom,
Till, crush'd beneath the furrow's weight,
Shall be thy doom."

Fraternally submitted, WILLIAM J. GLASS (2[illegible]),
THOMAS E. MORGAN (52),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (3[illegible]),
EMERY T. GUPTIL (56),
GEORGE B. SIMPSON (59).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. James W. Foley (5) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges reports as follows:

That the returns of the various Lodges of the jurisdiction of North Dakota are correct.

Your Committee notes an increase in the number of Lodges delaying annual reports beyond the specified limit, and would urge greater care by Lodge Secretaries in filing their reports promptly.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. FOLEY (5),
WILLIAM F. WINTER (31),
GEORGE F. ERSKINE (35),
HARRY C. FLINT (6),
GEORGE H. GLASS (54).
Committee.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence read the following report. W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved that the report be taken up ad seriatim, which motion prevailed, and the report was adopted as read.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M. . of North Dakota:

The Committee on Jurisprudence desires to report:

Decision No. 1, Approved.

Decision No. 2 Approved.

Decision No. 3, Approved.

Decision No. 4, Approved.

Decision No. 5, (a) Disapproved. The Lodge suspending the member had jurisdiction, he being a resident within the territory of the Lodge. In order to be restored to good standing, the member must petition the Lodge suspending or expelling him, and a committee must be appointed to determine whether or not the offending Brother has purged himself of his fault. After the report of the Committee all that is required by Sec. 46, By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, is that two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favor of his restoration. If two-thirds of the Lodge so vote, the offending Brother is restored to good standing in the Order, but remains unaffiliated.

(b) Decision No. 5, Approved.

Decision No. 6 Approved.

Decision No. 7, Approved.

Decision No. 8, Disapproved. The fact that the fee did not accompany the petition does not vitiate the petition. The Lodge must be presumed

to have waived the requirement. The decision of Grand Master Cloes (1890), pg. 86, Masonic Code, governs.

The proposed resolution on dimits, we recommend be referred to a Special Committee on By-Laws to act under Sec. 52 of the By Laws.

As to incorporating Lodges, we recommend that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be instructed to take the steps necessary to comply with the laws of the state.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U. D.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Stillman E. Brown (18), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D., to whom was referred the petitions for Charters, begs leave to report as follows:

That we recommend that Charters be granted to Dickey Lodge, at Dickey, to Ionic Lodge, at Hannah, and to Rugby Lodge, at Rugby, upon its Secretary furnishing the Grand Secretary with a certified transcript of minutes of their proceedings.

Fratednally submitted.

CARL AURLAND (33),
EDWIN L. SCOFIELD (32)
MARSHAL D. MILLER (36),
DUNCAN J. DRUMMOND (46),
STILLMAN E. BROWN (18),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. James H. Black (14), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer, to whom was referred his report, begs leave to report as follows:

That we have carefully examined the distance traveled by railroad as marked by him on map in order to reach the thirteen different points designated by the Grand Lodge to hold schools of instructions and we find that 1102.4 miles to be correct, and that the mileage account as charged, $28.57, to be reasonable.

We therefore unanimously recommend that the report be adopted, and that the services of our Grand Lecturer is fully appreciated in the very able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties, and that money spoken by him as due the Grand Lodge be tendered him in token of our appreciation and esteem. We recommend that the same system of visiting Lodges as pursued last year be followed this year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. BLACK (14),

WILLIAM H. WELCH (16),

ROBERT A. FOX (43),

ALBINO R. STONE (12),

HORACE G. KLEPPER (15),

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS—T. S. PARVIN.

The Committee on resolutions of sympathy for M∴ W∴ Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of Iowa, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

Whereas, We learn in sadness that Most Worshipful Brother Theodore Sutton Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of the State of Iowa, is not only stricken with years, but with sickness; and

Whereas, We look back upon the past and find him the spokesman of our mother Grand Lodge, Iowa, and ever ready to advise and to encourage the Craft in pioneer days and in times of growth; and

Whereas, We recollect his generous gift of a splendid Masonic Library to our Grand Lodge at its formation, and his liberal donations when the ravages of fire swept away our Grand Lodge collection; and

Whereas, As a man and a Mason he stands a peer of the best, a patron of intellectual, and an apostle of moral Masonry, and his connection with our Grand Lodge has made him as one of us; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota, in annual session assembled this 19th day of June, A. D. 1901, A∴ L∴ 5901, do hereby extend to our Most Worshipful Brother our sincere

and heartfelt sympathy, and in the fullness of love and affection ever pray for him happy days in future years.

FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11)
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
Committee.

DISTRICTING THE STATE.

W∴ Bro. John Scott (29) moved that a Committee of three be appointed to re-district the state for the purpose of including new Lodges in the present district. The Grand Master appointed the following Committee:

W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10), W∴ Bro. Elmer T. Judd (40), Bro. William C. Hayes (60).

TIME OF ELECTION.

M∴ W∴ Bro. George L. McGregor (6) moved:

That the annual election of officers take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Carried.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—CHANGING TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

W∴ Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) presented the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws, and moved its reference to the Committee on By-Laws, which motion prevailed. (See report of Committee on By-Laws for proposed change).

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following Supplemental report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the question of appropriating funds for fitting up store room in the basement of the Temple, recommend that the sum of Sixty Dollars ($60.), or so much thereof as is necessary, be appropriated for that purpose, and said sum be expended under the [illegible]tion of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

GREETINGS TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Master invited all Grand Representatives of Grand Lodges near that of North Dakota to approach the altar, and, in a felicitous manner, he welcomed them in behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and sent the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodges which they represented. He called the Craft to their feet, and the Grand Representatives were greeted with the Grand Honors.

TALK BY BRO. CAPT. S. ALBERTI.

Bro. Capt. S. Alberti, at the invitation of the Grand Master, made a few remarks relative to his experiences among Masons on the continent. Bro. Alberti was an officer of the Russian Army, exiled to Siberia, made his escape, came to this country and, after a number of years, returned to Russia for the purpose of claiming an inheritance, thinking the protection of our government would be sufficient to protect him in that country, he being a naturalized citizen of the United States. One night he was arrested, deprived of his passports and citizen papers and again exiled to Siberia, but was saved through the good offices of Masonry. His remarks were intensely interesting. On Wednesday evening he gave a public lecture on his experiences as an exile to which Masons and their families were invited.

The hour being 12:15 the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 p. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Special Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted by unanimous vote.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on By-Laws to whom was referred the questions of time of annual communications of Grand Lodge and of the granting of dimits, begs leave to report as follows:

(a) That Section 1 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws relating to the time of holding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be amended by substituting the word "fourth" for "third" in line two.

(b) That the following By-Law relating to the granting of dimits be hereby adopted as follows:

All applications for dimits shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, be presented to the Lodge at a stated communication, shall be read in open Lodge and lie over until the next or some subsequent stated meeting, when, if the applicant's dues are paid, and there are no charges against him, a dimit shall be granted and a record made thereof, such dimit to bear the same date as that on which it was granted, and membership ceases from and after that date.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
CHARLES K. WING (38),
CHARLES H. BAKER (21).

Committee.

RE-DISTRICTING THE GRAND JURISDICTION.

The Committee on the matter of including new Lodges in districts already established made the following report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on redistricting the Lodges in the state for the purpose of instruction by the Grand Lecturer, begs leave to recommend:

That Hunter Lodge No. 62 be added to District No. 2; Khurum Lodge No. 58 be added to District No. 5; Aurora Lodge No. 56, Century Lodge No. 60, Independence Lodge No. 59 and Dickey Lodge U. D. be added to District No. 6; Ionic Lodge U. D. be added to District No. 7; Hankinson No. 57 be added to District No. 10; Rugby Lodge U. D. be added to District No. 11, and Devotion Lodge No. 61 to be added to District No. 13.

Fraternally submitted.

THOMAS HARRISON (10),
WILLIAM C. HAYES (60),
ELMER T. JUDD (40),

Committee.

RESCINDING OF THE DISTRICT SYSTEM.

W∴ Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) read the following resolution and moved its adoption, which resolution was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, the Committee on Redistricting, beg leave to submit the following resolution:

That the District School System for the purpose of instruction by the Grand Lecturer be abolished, and that in lieu thereof, each Lodge in the state be required to hold a Lodge of Instruction under the State Grand Lecturer, and that the sum of $100 be appropriated for mileage and traveling expenses. Further that each Lodge be required to pay the Grand Lecturer the sum of $5 per day and his living expenses while conducting said school.

Fraternally submitted

THOMAS HARRISON (10),

WILLIAM C. HAYES (60),

ELMER T. JUDD (40),

Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs leave to make the following report:

In the matter of the case of Bro. W. H. Welch of North Star Lodge No. 16, Larimore, N. D., against Bro. John Montgomery, of same Lodge at Larimore, N. D., the action of North Star Lodge No. 16 is sustained, and further that the penalty for the un-Masonic conduct of Bro. John Montgomery be expulsion from said Lodge and from the Order of Freemasonry.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. C. L. Vaughn from Welcome Lodge No. 54, your committee would respectfully report, sustaining the action of Welcome Lodge No. 54, except that the penalty be changed to read suspension instead of expulsion, as the Brother has promised to make amends to the Brethren of said Lodge for his un-Masonic conduct.

In the matter of the appeal of Bro. Elmer Willey of Anchor Lodge No. 25, appealing from the decision of said Lodge in expelling Bro. Willey by

the sentence of expulsion, we, your committee, recommend that the action of Anchor Lodge No. 25 be sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
BENJAMIN F. WALDEN (27),
JOHN NELSON (16),
Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master appointed as Tellers W∴ Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) and W∴ Bro. James W. Foley (5). The election resulted as follows:

Thomas L. Foulks (12) M∴ W∴ Grand Master, address Fargo.

Walter L. Stockwell (11), R∴ W∴ Deputy Grand Master, Grafton.

Thomas E. Fox (47), R∴ W∴ Senior Grand Warden, Willow City.

James T. Blacklock (35), R∴ W∴ Junior Grand Warden, Hamilton.

Clinton D. Lord (26), R∴ W∴ Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R∴ W∴ Grand Secretary, Fargo.

The Grand Lodge was called at ease for twenty minutes, after which the Grand Master elect announced the following appointments:

Samuel E. Ryan (12), W∴ Grand Chaplain, address, Casselton.

James W. Foley (5), W∴ Senior Grand Deacon, Bismarck.

Louis A. Jacobson (27), W∴ Junior Grand Deason, Hope.

Thomas Harrison (10), W∴ Senior Grand Steward, address, Blanchard.

John Riessbeck (32), W∴ Junior Grand Steward, Dickinson.

Oscar H. Phillips (16), W∴ Grand Marshal, Larimore.

Sylvester J. Hill (1), W∴ Grand Sword Bearer, Fargo.

Charles K. Wing (38), W∴ Grand Pursuivant, Crystal.

John Scott (29), W∴ Grand Lecturer, Oakes.

James L. Green (39), W∴ Grand Tyler, Sheldon.

INSTALLATION.

The retiring Grand Master then installed all of the Grand Officers above named except W∴ Bro. Charles K. Wing (38), Grand Pursuivant, who was unavoidably absent.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Standing Committees:

Finance Committee:—Alexander B. Taylor ((1), Fargo; Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas; E. George Guthrie (3), Casselton; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton.

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; John A. Percival (21), address, Fargo; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas.

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MASONIC CODE—ADDITION TO BE MADE.

W∴Bro. John Scott (29) moved:

That the Masonic Code of this Grand Lodge be brought down to and including the year 1901, and that an appropriation be made for the expense connected therewith, and that the matter of appropriation be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—CODE.

The Committee on Finance made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W∴ Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee would recommend that the sum of Twenty-five Dollars, or as much thereof as is necessary be appropriated for

the purpose of printing and compiling the approved decisions for the years 1898 to 1901 inclusive.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

DONATION TO BRO. SAMUEL T. CONNICK.

M∴ W∴ Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the customary $10 be paid to Bro. Samuel T. Connick for his services as acting Tyler for the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

THANKS.

W∴ Bro. Robert Morrison moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the railroads who had kindly made reduced rates for delegates to this annual communication, and to the members of Shiloh Lodge for the courtesies to and entertainment provided for members of this annual session.

Carried unanimously.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Thomas L. Foulks (12), closed the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota in ample form at 4:30 p. m., Peace and Harmony prevailing.

THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
Grand Master.

Attest:

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GRAND SECRETARY TABULATED STATEMENT

Compiled from the Returns of May 1st, 1901, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses, Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, Etc.

LODGE	WORSHIPFUL MASTER	SECRETARY	P. O. ADDRESS	COUNTY	TIME OF STATED MEETING
1 Shiloh	Herbert J. Gibson	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday of each month
2 Pembina	Robert Morrison	William W Felson	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month
3 Casselton	E. Geo. Guthrie	Chas. E. Stone	Casselton	Cass	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month
4 Acacia	Wallace Huff	Chas. H. McManus	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month
5 Bismarck	Asa T. Patterson	Wm. F. Cochrane	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month
6 Jamestown	Harry C. Flint	J. E. Spurling, acting	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
7 Valley City	Charles B. Young	Geo. A McFarland	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday evening of each month
8 Mandan	George Austin	Edwin W. Miller	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
9 Cereal	William J. Sansburn	Jonathan M Andrus	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
10 Hillsboro	William Harrison	Duncan Cameron	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
11 Crescent	Charles H. Brown	Benjamin A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
12 Sheyenne Valley	Albino R. Stone	Arthur B. Adams	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
13 Ellendale	Rush W. Dickey	Fred L. Walker	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
14 Sanborn	James H. Black	Charles F. Revell	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
15 Wahpeton	Horace G. Klepper	Harry L. Eastman	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
16 North Star	William H. Welch	Victor S Wisner	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
17 Minto	John N. Bathgate	Peter McOuat	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3d Fridays of each month
18 Mackey	Stillman E. Brown	Willard Proctor	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
19 Goose River	John E. Fladeland	Orville D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
20 Hiram	Charles C. Williams	Wesley J. Mortish	Page	Cass	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
21 Minnewaukan	Charles H. Baker	John F. Henry	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
22 Tongue River	Louis W. Musselman	Edward F. Koehler	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
23 Bathgate	William Robertson	John E. Houston	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
24 Euclid	William C. Fairbanks	Robert L. Metcalf	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
25 Anchor	Henry K. Pennington	Francis W. Vail	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturdays
26 Golden Valley	W. Thomas Fallis	E. Reeve Claxton	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
27 Occidental	William J. Milligan	Sherman McPherson	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
28 Forest River	William J. Glass	William D. Dixon	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
29 Hope	H. Clay McCartney	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3d Fridays
30 Temple	Edward T. Thompson	August E Rosenquist	St Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
31 Golden Fleece	Joseph E. Wiper	Ray L. Himebaugh	Forman	Sargent	1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month
32 Dickinson	Edwin L. Scofield	W. Fulton Burnett	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Fridays of each month
33 Star in the West	John M. Wilson	James L. Arnold	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
34 Lebanon	John E. Truax	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2nd & 4th Fridays of each month
35 Hamilton	George E. Keeking	George L. Paxman	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month

Grand Secretary's Tabulated Statement—Continued

36	St. John	Marshal D. Miller	Robert B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
37	Fairmount	Charles A. Tuttle	Henry J. Heflekson	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
38	Crystal	William S. Stinson	Henry D. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3d Friday of each month
39	Mizpah	James L. Green	Levi B. Hanson	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
40	Cando	Harry Lord	George F. Elaberry	Cando	Towner	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
41	Maple River	John M. Gifford	Claude W. Kesler	Edgely	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
42	Reynolds	James Halliday	Thomas S. Herring	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Mondays of each month
43	Mouse River	Robert A. Fox	Hagen H. Thompson	Towner	McHenry	1st Thursday of each month
44	Tuscan	Nathaniel Meighen	Alexander G. Burr	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Friday of each month
45	Northern Light	Oscar D. Purinton	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3d Friday of each month
46	Evergreen	John Drummond	James Michels	Minnewaukan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
47	Willow	Frank Sims	James M. Watson	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
48	Milton	John B. Widdes	John McCarthy	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
49	Liberty	William J. Fowler	Cecil C. Chamberlain	Enderlin	Ransom	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
50	Walhalla	Thomas J. Sharp	Clarence Ellithorpe	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3d Friday of each month
51	Mount Moriah	Seneca Brownell	Gustave B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3d Thursdays of each month
52	Fidelity	Thomas W. Kibbee	Thomas F. Newans	Drayton	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays of each month
53	Harmony	Joseph A. Morrow	John B. Wagner	Lidgerwood	Richland	2d and 4th Wednesdays of each month
54	Welcome	George H. Glass	Hans A. Moe, acting	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	2d and 4th Thursdays of each month
55	Dacotah	Charles L. Grandin	Byron S. Rice	Mayville	Traill	2d and 4th Tuesdays of eac hmonth
56	Aurora	Emery T. Guptil	Robert A. Bill	Carrington	Foster	Tuesday on or before each full moon
57	Hankinson	W. Elmer Spotten	Wm. C. Forman, Jr., acting	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3d Friday of each month
58	Khurum	John M. Edes	Lars J. Bjerklie	Gilby	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Thursday in each month
59	Independence	George B. Simpson	Fred B. Smith	Leal	Barnes	1st Thursday of each month
60	Century	William E. Biggs	William C. Hayes	New Rockford	Eddy	1st and 3d Mondays of each month
61	Devotion	Clayton Cox	Aaron Singer	Harvey	Wells	1st Wednesday of each month
62	Hunter	William H. Rogers	W. Clyde Gamble	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3d Tuesday of each month
63	Dickey	Charles E. Bobo	Arthur W. Porter	Dickey	LaMoure	1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month
64	Ionic	Duncan McLean	Thomas H. Prior	Hannah	Cavalier	2d and 4th Tuesday in each month
65	Rugby	Fred L. Ely	Isaac M. McBride	Rugby	Pierce	1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS

Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Organized 1889. *Prior to that Year It Was Part of the Grand Lodge of Dakota*

Year	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	G. SR. WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN	GR. TREASURER	GR. SECRETARY
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. Dewitt	Calvin G Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James. S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Ingalls	Thomas J. Wilder* **	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West** §	John Davidson* **	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder* **	C. T McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. E. Boygen	C. T McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **	Edward G. Benke	C. T McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§ **	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Chas. E. Jackson (2)	David S. Dodds § (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel § (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (41)	Jas. T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

* Deceased § Left the Jurisdiction ** With North Dakota

DONALD RAE DAVIDSON,

GRAND TREASURER
1895-6.

American Grand Lodges, with Names and Addresses of the Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	RESIDENCE
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tuscon
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Nelson
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	William D. Todd, acting	Denver
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Jonnston	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wollhin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5 N Howard St
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, 18 Boylston St M. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	John L. Power	Jackson
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside
Quebec	John H. Isaacson	Montreal
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	George A. Fettigrew	Flandreau
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville
Texas	John Watson	Houston
Utah	Christoher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virinia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga

Foreign Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana, Apartado 406
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy	Dublin
Mexico	Gerardo Rivero	Vera Cruz, P. O. Box 56
New Zealand	W. Ronaldson	Christchurch
New South Wales	Arthur H Bray	Sidney
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
Porto Rico	J. Albert Nadal	Mayaguez
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburg
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.
United G. D. L. Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne

Representatives of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota near other Grand Lodges.

GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tuscon
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
Canada	John S. Denar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. DeLong	Grand Junction
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton
District of Columbia	William A. Gatley	Washington
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St.
Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Road
Kansas	Henry C. Loomis	Winfield
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans
Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	A. B. Chase	South Haven
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Edwin Osgood Upham	Keene
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
New York	Oscar L. Eastman	Kingston
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshal	Annapolis Royal
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Sydney
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland

Representatives of the Grand Lodges of North Dakota near other Grand Lodges.—Continued.

*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	Ambrose L. Brown	Charlottetown
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrioch	Hull
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton st
South Carolina	Richard F. Divver	Anderson
South Dakota	Albert S. Reed	Aberdeen
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide
Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell	
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor	Morristown
Texas	J. B. Moore	Cameron
Utah	John Alfred Reeves	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St. Johnsbury
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland
Victoria	A. B. Templeman	Melbourne, 25 Collins st
*Washington		
West Virginia	Michael Emshoemer	Wheeling
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett	Eau Claire
*Wyoming		

**Does not exchange Representatives.*

Representatives of Grand Lodges near that of N. D.

GRAND LODGE	NAME	RESIDENCE
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Willow City
Arkansas	William McKean	Sanborn
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
California	Thomas Harrison	Blanchard
Canada	Charles E. Jackson	Pembina
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo
Greece	John A. Percival	Fargo
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Casselton
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Fowlis	Fargo
Maine	Robert D. Hoskins	Bismarck
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fort Totten
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope
New Hampshire	August Brodkork	Edgeley
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Lisbon
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck
New Zealand	David E. Morgan	Devils Lake
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo
*Oklahoma		
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton
*Pennsylvania		

Representatives of Grand Lodges near that of N. D.—Continued.

Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia	Frank H. Rahders	Lakota
Victoria	James T. Blackcock	Hamilton
Washington	Fred D. Alpin	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert LaDu	Lisbon
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
Wyoming		

**Does not exchange Representatives.*

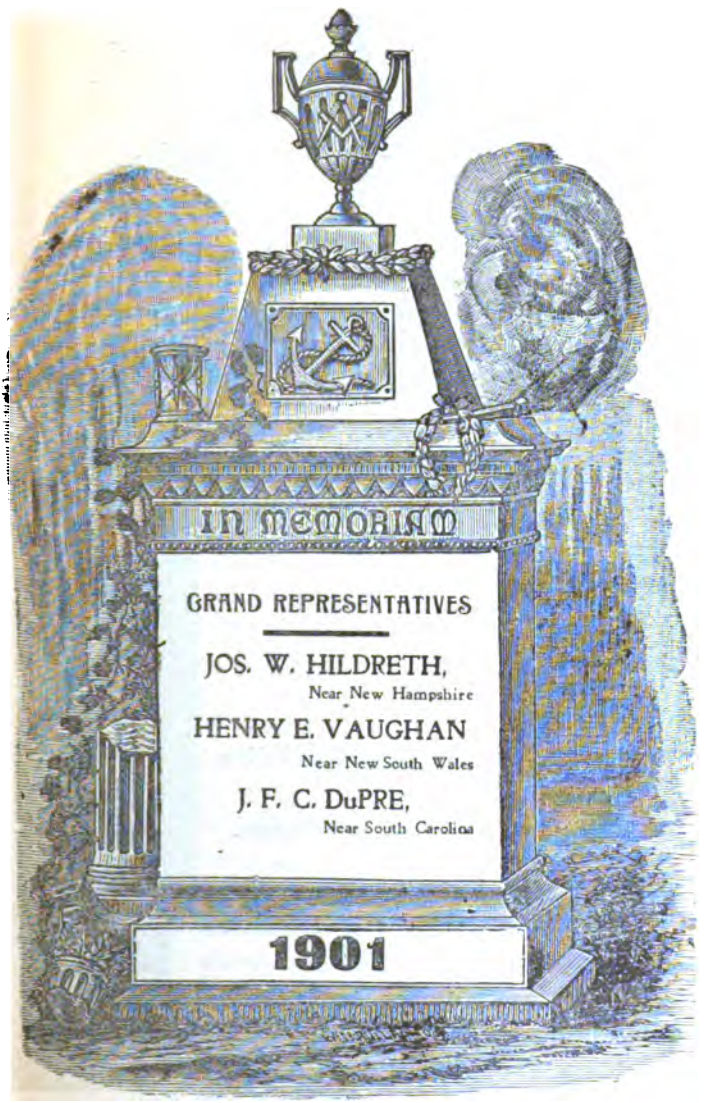
IN MEMORIAM
Donald Rae Davidson
GRAND TREASURER
1895-6
1901

In Memory

OF THE

Thirty-five Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1901

LODGE	NAME	DATE
Shiloh No. 1	Jonathan H. Cornwell	Sep. 18, 1900.
Shiloh No. 1	Henry N. Dillworth	Jan. 24, 1901
Shiloh No. 1	Roderick D. McLeod	March 27, 1901.
Shiloh No. 1	John MacSmith	March 21, 1901.
Shiloh No. 1	Samuel Magill	Dec. 21. 1899.
Casselton No. 3	Charles E. Gale	July 25, 1900.
Casselton No. 3	Charles A. Pelton	Dec. 7, 1900.
Casselton No. 3	Bayard H. Ellis	Jan. 15, 1901
Acacia No. 4	H. Phillip Meinken	Feb. 15, 1901.
Acacia No. 4	Charles T. Kittredge	March 29, 1901.
Jamestown No. 5	John C. Eddy	Feb. 1, 1901.
Jamestown No. 5	Alfred Dickey	Jan. 26, 1901.
Valley City No. 7	William Craswell	Feb. 12, 1901.
Mandan No. 8	Joseph Miller	Sep. 22, 1900.
Hillsboro No. 10	John D. Fagundes	March 22, 1901.
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Amasa H. Davis	May 5, 1900.
Ellendale No. 13	Hans M. Bergendahl	Aug. 13, 1900.
Wahpeton No. 15	William F. Aldrich	1899.
Wahpeton No. 15	Don R. Davidson	Jan. 9, 1901.
Wahpeton No. 15	Thomas F. Healey	Feb. 15, 1901.
Wahpeton No. 15	Charles H. Junkel	July. 1900.
Wahpeton No. 15	Edward M. Onan	Jan. 1, 1901.
Mackey No. 18	Joseph A. Ellis	Aug. 21, 1900
Mackey No. 18	Lawrence Questad	Oct. 9, 1900.
Mackey No. 18	Joseph M. Bartholomew	March 24, 1901
Bathgate No. 23	Gideon A. Wynn	Aug. 4, 1900.
Euclid No. 24	Mark L. Williams	
Temple No. 30	William Jas. Musgrove	July 23, 1900
Dickinson No. 32	Albert John Burnett	Aug. 3, 1900.
St. Johns No. 36	James Coulter	May 15, 1900.
Mizpah No. 39	William Clemens	Nov. 3, 1900.
Maple River No. 41	John F. Coon	
Maple River No. 41	Alonzo E. Gardner	Aug. 17, 1900.
Reynolds No. 42	Schuyler McCormick	Sep. 21, 1900
Milton No. 48	John Campbell	April 10, 1901.


IN MEMORIAM
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES
JOS. W. HILDRETH,
Near New Hampshire
HENRY E. VAUGHAN
Near New South Wales
J. F. C. DuPRE,
Near South Carolina
1901

IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE
OF OUR
Sister Jurisdictions
Who have Gone Before.
1901

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At the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, held in the City of Fargo, June 18th and 19th, the following officers were elected, appointed and installed:

ELECTED

Thomas L Foulks (12)	M.·. W.·. Grand Master.....address, Fargo
Walter L. Stockwell (11)	R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.....Grafton
Thomas E. Fox (47)	R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden....Willow City
James T. Blacklock (35)	R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden..... Hamilton
Clinton D. Lord (26)	R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.....Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1)	R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary. ....Fargo

APPOINTED

Samuel E. Ryan (12)	W.·. Grand Chaplain.....address, Casselton
James W. Foley (5)	W.·. Senior Grand Deacon.....Bismarck
Louis A. Jacobson (27)	W.·. Junior Grand Deacon..... Hope
Thomas Harrison (10)	W.·. Senior Grand Steward..address, Blanchard
John Riessbeck (32)	W.·. Junior Grand Steward.....Dickinson
Oscar H. Phillips (16)	W.·. Grand Marshal .....Larimore
Sylvester J. Hill (1)	W.·. Grand Sword Bearer..... .....Fargo
Charles K. Wing (38)	W.·. Grand Pursuivant.....Crystal
John Scott (29)	W.·. Grand Lecturer.... .....Oakes
James L. Green (39)	W.·. Grand Tyler.....Sheldon

The next session of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Fargo, beginning the fourth Tuesday in June, 1902, at High Twelve.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge

OF

A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.

OF THE

State of North Dakota.

1902.

THOMAS L. FOULKS

GRAND MASTER 1901-1902

THE

Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·.

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA,

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT

FARGO,

BEGINNING

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Valley City No. 7	Laurence G. Moultrie.**
Mandan No. 8	Not represented.
Cereal No. 9	Wallace W. Heffron, M. W., S. W.* Charles W. Barrett, J. W.**
Hillsboro No. 10	Thomas Harrison, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Crescent No. 11	William M. Chandler, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Albino R. Stone, W. M., S. W.,* J. W.*
Ellendale No. 13	Boardman S. Hodges, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Sanborn No 14	Albert A. J. Lang, W. M., S W.* J. W.*
Wahpeton No. 15	John J. Hull, W. M. Robert J. Hughes, S. W.** Sidney Cohen, J. W.
North Star No. 16	Charles F. Kinney, W. M. John B. Campbell, S. W.** James S. Watson, J. W.
Minto No. 17	John Miller.**
Mackey No. 18	Stillman E. Brown, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Goose River No. 19	Not represented.
Hiram No. 20	Eben Q. Carver.**
Minnewaukan No. 21	Charles H. Baker, W. M., J. W.* Burdette Townsend, S. W.**
Tongue River No. 22	Thomas G. Thompson, J. W., W. M.* S. W.*
Bathgate No. 23	William Robertson, W. M., S. W* J. W.*
Euclid No. 24	Not represented.
Anchor No. 25	Emanuel C. Harvey, S. W., W. M.* J. W.*
Golden Valley No. 26	W. Thomas Fallis, W. M., J. W.* Frank Hughes, S. W.**
Occidental No. 27	Arthur S. Moote.**
Forest River No. 28	William J. Glass, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hope No. 29	Halley V. Hicks.**
Temple No. 30	Benjamin L. Lewis.**
Golden Fleece No. 31	Not represented.
Dickinson No. 32	Edwin L. Scofield, W. M., S. W.* John Riessbeck, J. W.**

Star in the West No. 33	Edgar A. Crokat, S. W.. W. M.* J. W.*
Lebanon No. 34	John E. Truax, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hamilton No. 35	George McLean, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
St. Johns No. 36	Robert B. Warren.**
Fairmount No. 37	Charles A. Tuttle, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Crystal No. 38	Charles K. Wing, W. M.. S. W.* J. W.*
Mizpah No. 39	James L. Green, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Cando No. 40	J. Henry Henkel, S. W., W. M.* James Falahy, J. W.**
Maple River No. 41	August C. Brodtkorb, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Reynolds No. 42	Alex Austin, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Mouse River No. 43	George H. Soule, W. M. Evarts C. Stevens, S. W.** John Christianson, J. W.
Tuscan No. 44	Thomas Sims, W. M., S. W.* J W.*
Northern Light No. 45	Oscar L. Purinton, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Evergreen No. 46	Alva A. Hall, W. M., J. W.* John T. Morris, S. W.**
Willow No. 47	Frank Sims, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Milton No. 48	Not represented.
Liberty No. 49	James C. Harper, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Walhalla No. 50	Alonzo McDonald, W. M., J. W.* William J. Gordon, S. W.
Mount Moriah No. 51	Seneca Brownell, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Fidelity No. 52	Ole C. Olson, J. W., W. M.* S. W.*
Harmony No. 53	John A. Black, W. M., S. W.* William I. Irvine, J. W.
Welcome Lodge No. 54	Not represented.
Pacotah No. 55	Isaac N. Steen, J. W., W. M.* Joseph M. Stewart, S. W.**
Aurora No. 56	Charles E. Tillson, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Hankinson No. 57	Richard Hankinson, S. W ,W. M.* J. W.*
Khurum No. 58	Charles Harshman, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Independence No. 59	Not represented.
Century No. 60	William C. Hayes.**

Devotion No. 61	William C. Melville, J. W., W. M.* S. W.*
Hunter No. 62	George W. Turner, W. M., J. W.* Robert A. Sayer, S. W.
Dickey No. 63	Charles E. Bobo, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Ionic No. 64	Duncan McLean. W. M., S. W.* J. W.*
Rugby No. 65	Fred L. Ely, W. M., S. W.* George Straub, J. W.**
Rolla, U D	William J. Hoskins, W. M., S. W.* J. W.*

*And proxy for master or wardens.

**Not an officer but representing lodge or proxy for master or wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Arizona	Thomas E. Fox (47), Willow City.
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo.
California	Thomas Harrison (10), Blanchard.
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton.
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown (18), LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna (20), Fargo.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie (3). Casselton.
Indiana	John J. Hull (15), Wahpeton.
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks (12), Fargo.
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall (1), Fargo.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor (6), Fargo.
New Hampshire	August C. Brodtkorb (41), Edgeley.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill (1), Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald (11), Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson (1), Fargo.
Ohio	James W. Foley (5), Bismarck.
Oregon	H. John Rowe (3), Casselton.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson (1). Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald (28), Inkster.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas.
Utah	Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps (1), Fargo.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock (35), Walhalla.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens (43), Towner.

Fraternally Submitted,

HENRY L. READE (5),
ALBINO R. STONE (12),
W. THOMAS FALLIS (26),
Committee.

DAVID S. DODDS

GRAND SECRETARY 1889-1890

THE NEW
PUBLIC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with and they be approved as printed.

Carried.

INVITATION.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a committee on division and reference be appointed to whom shall be referred the reports of grand officers without further action.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: W.·. Bro. James L. Green (39), W.·. Bro. Edwin L. Scofield (32), W.·. Bro. Thomas Harrison (10).

The hour being 12:25, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 1:30 p. m.

PRESENTATION OF GRAND MASTERS' APRONS.

Agreeably to a resolution passed at the last grand annual communication, the Grand Secretary had purchased aprons for all Past Grand Masters. The Grand Master called the Past Grand Masters present to the Grand East, and the Grand Secretary proceeded to invest each with a handsome Past Grand Master's apron. And last, but we hope not least, he proceeded to present himself with an apron as one of the Past Grand Masters.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That M.·. W.·. Brothers Foulks and Thompson be a committee to

present aprons to the Past Grand Masters not present at this communication.

Carried.

CASES FOR P. G. M. APRONS.

W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That a suitable case for each Past Grand Master's apron be purchased by the Grand Secretary; that the same be presented to each recipient of an apron, and that so much of the original appropriation not expended, as may be necessary, be used for that purpose.

Carried.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER, 1902.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas L. Foulks (12), Grand Master, then read his annual address.

BRETHREN:

The Thirteenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge has come, the brethren of the mystic tie are about me, and I greet you one and all. The year just past has been one of unusual interest, bustle and activity in our state. The influx of new citizens, the settlement of new districts, the mad rush for North Dakota property, has made it a year long to be remembered, and in the midst of all we pause to review the past and plan for the future.

We should make use of these meetings to renew our pledges to the institution of Masonry, to strengthen our fidelity, and help to make each other better. We are all human and liable to err: mistakes we make, but let us acknowledge and correct them. We each have our mission. Mine is in one line; yours in another; another brother's is somewhere else, yet we all owe a duty to ourselves and a duty to our fellow man. We are taught in the first degree to subdue our passions. This is the great duty we owe to ourselves. While our passions are our masters, we cannot improve ourselves in Masonry, we cannot have the influence which we, as Masons, should possess. Never lose sight of the fact, my brethren, that we are exerting an influence. We should control our actions that this influence is for good, and that no man can say he is the worse for having associated with a member of this institution. We owe a duty to our fellow men, not only in following them to their last resting place, and performing certain rites, but a greater one to the living. Believing as we do in a common Brotherhood, our mission should be to lend a helping hand to the living. Charity, in its broad sense, if it is to be a watchword, should be practised as a common and everyday virtue—unseen as well as visible. If a Brother has fallen, lift him up, give him fresh courage, and make him feel that you have not lost an interest in him. If he has gone

astray, return him to the fold, and in all reasonable ways endeavor to restrain him. Our code of morals is one that has never been improved upon. It teaches by symbols, but life teems with symbols. We find them everywhere. Masonry takes them up and makes use of them in teaching its moral precepts, and we, realizing their importance and significance, endeavor to improve each other by their use. Study them well, practice their teachings and your lives will be made happier, more useful, and your influence for good, greater.

This is the second annual communication of the Grand Lodge in this temple. Each of you who can, and has not already, should visit the several apartments. and realize what the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction have to point to with pride. Brother Plumley, Deputy Inspector General of the Scottish Rite for this jurisdiction, informed us a few days ago that the parlors were to be open at all times to the Masons of the state, where any and all who wish can feel that they are at home, and whenever you are in the city and wish a quiet place to rest, write or visit, these parlors will be a pleasant and convenient resort. They are conveniently located, and it is hoped you will avail yourselves of the opportunities offered.

Especially would I invite each of you to visit the Grand Lodge Library. It is now in order and nicely furnished. The work of moving it from the old Masonic Hall, the storing without regard to order, until the room was ready to receive it, then the assorting, arranging and cataloging of the volumes, has been a work which one can scarcely appreciate unless he has watched the progress. Brother Thompson has been untiring in his efforts, and he feels a just pride in it. The beautiful and substantial chandeliers, with which it is lighted, were presented by him to the Library. This is the last year of the per capita library tax, which has been the means of establishing and maintaining the library. We have a library with few equals, and it should continue to grow. There are many more valuable Masonic and miscellaneous reference books which are desirable to have and I would recommend therefore, that the library tax be continued for five years more. It is only a small amount for each Lodge, yet the aggregate is enough to materially help in its support.

NECROLOGY.

Departing from the custom of our former Grand Masters, I will leave this to the Committee on Fraternal Dead. To this Committee, I think it properly belongs. The Grand Secretary will furnish them with all the information and biography at his command.

The impartial hand of death, the silent reaper, has been among us, and many have fallen, not only in our own Lodges, but in our sister Grand Jurisdictions. I leave it with the Committee to prepare a report such as in their judgment they deem proper.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted eleven dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the statutory time for reasons which I considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant them, and have refused to grant five.

Seven dispensations were granted to elect and install officers, Lodges having failed to do so at the proper time.

Two dispensations were granted for public installation of officers.

Two applications were received to receive petitions when parties had not resided the required time in this jurisdiction, both were refused.

On January 20th, 1902, I granted dispensation to William McKinley Lodge No. 431, of Canton, Ohio, to solicit contributions from Lodges in this jurisdiction, to be used in the building of the national memorial to our late Brother and President of these United States, William McKinley.

DEDICATION.

On December 14th, 1901, I issued commission to Brother Thomas Fallis as my deputy to dedicate a Masonic Hall at Park River on December 27th.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, charters were granted the following Lodges:

Dickey Lodge No. 63, at Dickey.

Ionic Lodge No. 64, at Hannah.

Rugby Lodge No. 65, at Rugby.

I issued commission to R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox, appointing him my special deputy to constitute Rugby Lodge No. 65 and install the officers. He reports as follows:

"Thomas L. Foulks,
M.·. W.·. Grand Master,
Fargo, North Dakota.

My Dear Sir and Brother:—

Pursuant to the commission giving me authority to act as your deputy, and according to your instructions, I went to Rugby, and on the evening of August 20th, 1901, I constituted Rugby Lodge No. 65 and installed its officers in due and ancient form. I was ably assisted by the Master and other Brethren of Willow Lodge No. 47.

Rugby Lodge starts out in a very promising manner. It has a good sized membership and plenty of work for the future. Its officers

and members are bright and intelligent Masons, well up in the work, and a bright future is predicted for this Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
THOMAS E. FOX,
Acting Deputy, G. M."

Brother W. A. Laidlaw was appointed and commissioned my special deputy to constitute Ionic Lodge No. 64, at Hannah. He makes report as follows:

"Thomas L. Foulks,
M.·. W.·. Grand Master, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
Fargo, N. D.
Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

Pursuant to the commission deputizing me to constitute Ionic Lodge No. 64, at Hannah, N. D., and to install its officers, I beg leave to report that I visited Hannah on October 15th, 1901, and assisted by several Brothers from Langdon and Walhalla, duly constituted said Lodge and installed its officers according to the ancient customs and usages of the Fraternity, and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Master.

Fraternally,
W. A. LAIDLAW,
Acting Dep'ty G. M."

On October 16th, 1901, I went to Dickey and constituted Dickey Lodge No. 63 and installed its officers, delivering the charter to the Worshipful Master.

Dickey Lodge. though its membership is small, has a very enthusiastic Master and other officers, and with them to help build, I look for a bright future for the Lodge. After the ceremonies, we were regaled with a delightful repast.

NEW LODGES.

But one dispensation has been granted for the formation of new Lodges during the past year, being that at Rolla, to be known as Rolla Lodge, U. D., with Bro. W. J. Hoskins, W. M.; Bro. W. O. DePuy, S. W.; Bro. Aaron Bede, J. W.

Raising the number of Charter Members from eleven to twenty has prevented four or five other places from applying for dispensations. I do not know that in all, but in some instances, this has been an injustice. In view of the fact that our country and towns are growing so rapidly, it seems as though the limit was too great. It differs from older jurisdictions, inasmuch as they do not have the new material which is coming in so rapidly here, and, while I voted for the increase last year, I would recommend that Section 17 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws be amended by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifteen."

BY-LAWS.

During the year, I have approved the By-Laws of Khurum Lodge No. 58, at Gilby; Devotion Lodge No. 61, at Harvey; Dacotah Lodge No. 55, at Mayville, and sections of By-Laws of Cereal Lodge No. 9, at Tower City, and Euclid Lodge No. 24, at Lakota.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I have commissioned the following Brothers Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

November 25th, 1901, Edwin St. Clair, Thompson, near the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.

February 15th, 1902, James W. Cloes, Tacoma, near the Grand Lodge of Washington.

DECISIONS.

The matters referred to me for decisions during the past year have been mostly matters of minor importance, covered by our By-Laws. I report the following which are of the most importance:

No. 1. Something over a year ago, we received a petition for membership by initiation. The petition was acted on favorably, but the candidate did not present himself for initiation, he having removed from the state. After the lapse of one year, he again petitioned for initiation, as he expected to return. His petition was again acted on favorably. We now receive a communication from Kalispell Lodge No. 42, Montana, stating that our candidate is now a resident of that jurisdiction and desires to petition that Lodge for the degrees, and requesting us to return the deposit paid our Lodge and waive jurisdiction. Please instruct us as to our duties in the premises.

Answer. Your Lodge can use its own discretion in the matter. You have jurisdiction. You can hold it or waive. He has forfeited his fee. You can return it if the Lodge so votes.

Question 2. We have no active Master, as he has been absent from our town ever since his election to office. I have been acting Master for the past year, but, in fact, I am Senior Warden of the Lodge. During our last meeting, which was held in June last, I was unavoidably absent from town. The question arose, who should sit in the East? Now, the Brother who had acted as Senior Warden while I was in the East claimed that as Acting Senior Warden he was eligible to go to the East. The Junior Warden of the Lodge by election claimed his seat in the East on the ground that there was no W. M. or S. W. present. After some discussion, it was agreed that the J. W. should take the East. The question was referred to me as acting W. M., and I decided the J. W. was right. I would like your decisions in this matter, in case anything of the kind should occur again.

Answer. The acting Senior Warden has no rights over the elected Junior Warden. He is appointed each evening to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Senior Warden's filling the station of the W. Master.

Question 3. Is a man physically qualified to receive the degrees in Masonry whose left arm and hand are shorter than the right, making it necessary for him to use an artificial hand. The arm is perfectly formed to the elbow, but the fore arm is only about half the ordinary length, and the hand has no bones in the fingers and is very small.

Answer. He is not eligible according to the decisions of Brothers Schrader and Carothers, pages 72 and 73, Law of Freemasonry of North Dakota.

INCORPORATION.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended, and the report was adopted, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to comply with the laws of the state. After due consideration, the following was sent to each particular Lodge.

"By action of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, the matter of the incorporation of Lodges, under the state law, was left to the Grand Secretary and myself. Nothing has been done thus far, for I deemed it of too much importance to act without due consideration. The Grand Lodges of this country are generally opposed to the incorporation of its particular Lodges, for obvious reasons. I, therefore, determined to investigate the matter before acting, and unless it was found imperative to act, should postpone action and refer the matter back to the Grand Lodge. Having received the opinions of two eminent Brothers, attorneys at law, and they questioning the constitutional powers of the Legislative Assembly to compel Fraternal Societies to become involuntary corporations, I decided to take no steps in the matter, and do advise Lodges against incorporation unless it becomes necessary in order to hold real property."

It has not been imperative to take any further action, consequently nothing has been done. I, therefore, refer it back to this Grand Lodge to take such action as it deems advisable.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

During the year just past, matters in our Grand Jurisdiction have been most harmonious. Excellent work has been done, and our membership has steadily increased. On April 30th, last, the membership was, in round numbers, 4,000. One year ago it was 3,742, making a net increase of 258. This is about the same amount of work done as during the year preceding.

The number of calls on your Grand Master to settle difficulties, advise in disputes, preserve harmony, have been fewer than usually fall

to his lot. Brethren, avoid factional strife and your success and influence will be greater. When it creeps into a lodge, harmony steals quietly out. One Lodge in our jurisdiction rejected seventeen applications during the past year. Either there are a large number of undesirable Masonic aspirants in that vicinity, or there are two factions, one arrayed against the other. I hope the former is true; for if it is the latter, that Lodge will not prosper. I have observed, during my short experience, that the Lodges where the best work is being done, where the greatest interest is manifested, are those where all are willing to admit that there are others entitled to consideration besides themselves. Meet a Brother half way, and admit that you may make mistakes and he may be almost as just as yourself.

CONCLUSION.

I have endeavored during the past year in the administration of the affairs of my office, to do what I considered for the best interests of Masonry in our Grand Jurisdiction.

And now, Brethren, let each of us go forth with new zeal and enthusiasm, refreshed by meeting and communing with each other. Let each take an interest in all the work and business of the sessions of your various Lodges, for I believe it will benefit you in your home Lodge. Make your interest there stronger, and yourself more useful. During the intermission of the business of the Grand Lodge, I hope all will meet and become acquainted with one another, and especially the new members who have not been among us before. To the old members, I would say, greet them and make them at home.

May our deliberations be filled with the spirit of harmony and fraternal zeal for our Institution.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),

Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26), then read his report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of my office for the fiscal year ending June 23rd, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

1901.			
June	18	Balance on hand	$5,077.62
June	22	Received from Grand Secretary	39.25
June	22	" " " "	8.20

June	22	Received from Grand Secretary	90.00
July	5	" " " "	9.00
July	9	" " " "	5.00
July	9	" " " "	5.00
July	13	" " " "	5.00
Sept	18	" " " "	9.00
Sept	26	" " " "	9.00
Oct.	30	" " " "	1.92
Oct.	30	" " " "	1.00
Oct.	30	" " " "	5.00
Nov.	18	" " " "	4.50
Dec.	30	" " " "	5.00
1902			
May	1	" " " "	20.00
June	12	" " " "	27.66
June	17	" " " "	1.00
June	23	" interest on $1,500 at 4 per cent.	60.00
June	23	" from Grand Secretary	4.52
June	23	" " " "	4,101.00
			$9,488.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

1901			
June	24	By Order No. 126	$200.00
June	24	" " " 127	100.00
June	24	" " " 128	268.07
June	24	" " " 129	90.62
June	24	" " " 130	100.00
June	24	" " " 131	10.00
July	9	" " " 132	883.05
Aug.	23	" " " 133	60.00
Aug.	23	" " " 134	90.63
Sept	18	" " " 135	29.00
Sept	18	" " " 136	90.62
Sept	18	" " " 137	28.75
Sept	18	" " " 138	100.00
Oct.	1	" " " 139	90.63
Oct.	26	" " " 140	140.12
Oct.	26	" " " 141	100.00
Oct.	26	" " " 142	46.06
Oct.	26	" " " 143	90.62
Nov.	18	" " " 144	25.00
Dec.	13	" " " 145	90.63
1902			
Jan.	7	" " " 146	50.00
Jan.	7	" " " 147	90.62
Jan.	7	" " " 148	100.00

Jan.	13	By Order No. 149	100.00
Feb.	1	" " " 150	90.63
Feb	17	" " " 151	50.00
March	7	" " " 152	100.00
March	7	" " " 153	90.62
April	2	" " " 154	90.63
May	13	" " " 155	90.62
June	2	" " " 156	90.63
June	2	" " " 157	53.94
June	17	" " " 158	57.86
June	21	" " " 159	50.00
June	23	" " " 160	5.00
June	23	Balance on hand	5,744.32
			$9,488.67

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON D. LORD, (26),

Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) then submitted his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I am permitted as Grand Secretary to submit my tenth annual report to this Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The annual returns of the chartered lodges and the lodge U. D. have all been received, but two are still incomplete notwithstanding persistent efforts to complete the same, one of these Lodges having also failed to send in money for dues and fees at this writing, June 22. I regret to state that it has required more persistent efforts to get the returns and money of the lodges on time than for some years past. Nearly 250 letters have been written and some telegrams sent to accomplish the work. I hope it was due to the unprecedented activity in all lines of business, and the influx of new settlers, rather than a neglect of official duties.

Our membership April 30th, 1902, as near as I can now ascertain, is 3,999, but some corrections are yet to be made, which doubtless, will swell the number to 4,000 or more.

Our net increase during the year was 232 as against 209 the preceding year.

During the year 322 were Raised.

The total amount of dues and fees received in this office to June 22, is $4,101.00 as against $3,744.20 the year previous.

Last year the amount of fees was $1,021.50. This year the Raisings in the lodges were less than last year, and yet the fees for degrees are $164.25 greater than last year, showing that the greatest amount of income derived from fees has been for the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees. Last year the reverse was true, our heaviest fees coming from the Raisings, while the year prior the heaviest fees came, as this year, from the Initiations and Passings.

The largest increase in any lodge during the year past was in Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo, which Raised 37, Admitted 8, Reinstated 1, total increase of 46 and a decrease of 4 by Dismissions, 4 by Death, leaving a net increase of 38. The membership of Shiloh Lodge on April 30th, last, was 389. I may say that since April 30th a sufficient number have been Raised and Admitted to make the present membership more than 400. The largest amount of dues and fees was also paid by Shiloh, being $420.50.

The next lodges doing the most work during the year were Hiram No. 20, at Page, Raised 11; Occidental No. 27, at Hope, 12; Lebanon No. 34, at Langdon, 16; Cando No. 40, at Cando, 13; Century No. 60, at New Rockford, 10; Devotion No. 61, at Harvey, 14; Ionic No. 64, at Hannah, 10.

The Lodges whose returns were received first are as follows:

St. Johns No. 36, Forest River	April 14, 1902
Fairmount No. 37, Fairmount	April 14, 1902
Crescent No. 11, Grafton	April 19, 1902
Hope No. 29, Oakes	April 21, 1902
Mackey No. 18, LaMoure	April 22, 1902
Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	April 22, 1902
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	April 23, 1902
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton	April 24, 1902
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	April 26, 1902
Dickey No. 63, Dickey	April 28, 1902
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	April 29, 1902
Bathgate No. 23, Bathgate	April 30, 1902

Doubtless lodges which sent in their returns so early knew that there would be no work in their Lodge during the remainder of the month.

During the year 33 have died. The Lodges to suffer the loss of Brothers were:

Shiloh No. 1	4	Pembina No. 2	2
Acacia No. 4	2	Bismarck No. 5	1
Jamestown No. 6	1	Valley City No. 7	2
Mandan No. 8	1	Cereal No. 9	1
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	1	Wahpeton No. 15	1
Hiram No. 20	2	Tongue River No. 22	1

Bathgate No. 23	1	Euclid No. 24	1
Golden Valley No. 26	1	Temple No. 30	1
Golden Fleece No. 31	1	Hamilton No. 35	1
Mouse River No. 43	1	Evergreen No. 46	1
Willow No. 47	1	Walhalla No. 50	2
Mt. Moriah No. 51	1	Aurora No. 56	1
Dickey No. 63	1		

During the year only one expulsion is reported, but 45 are returned suspended.

My report as Grand Secretary will be shorter than usual for the reason that I have nothing to say as to the Membership Registry, except that unavoidable errors in the past are being corrected from time to time as we have access to other data. All of last year's work up to April 30th, 1901, has been transcribed to cards and sent to the several secretaries of the various particular lodges. The three lodges chartered last year have also been supplied with membership cards and trays.

The finishing of the Grand Secretary's offices is now passing into ancient history, and they are standing evidences of the enterprise of this Grand Lodge.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Finance Committee, having checked up my books, and having their report ready to submit to this Grand Lodge, I deem it unnecessary to make any statement inasmuch as they have a very full and complete report.

SUPPLEMENT TO GRAND LODGE CODE.

Agreeably to the request of the Grand Lodge last year, I compiled the approved decisions, resolutions and amendments to the By-Laws, had them printed and inserted in the Codes on hand, and copies sent to all particular lodges and Grand Lodge Officers, as well as to Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions, they having been complimented with our codes in return for like courtesies, the cost of same, including transmission, coming within the appropriation.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There is only one matter for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to consider.

STORAGE ROOM.

The Storage Room, for which an appropriation was made last year to fit up, has been put in proper shape, and the duplicate and exchange proceedings, as well as our own supply of proceedings and over-plus of accumulated matter, have been arranged there.

The change in the personnel of Grand Secretaries of other Grand Lodges has not been as great as in the previous year, but during the year Bro. John L. Power, Grand Secretary of Mississippi for thirty-two years, as well as the Venerable Bro. Isaacson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec 1871-1902, and Bro. Edwin T. Baker, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island since May 20th, 1872 to the time of his death, May 15, 1901, have passed away. Bro. William Ronaldson, the Grand Secretary of New Zealand, was made emeritus Grand Secretary with an annuity for life, Bro. Ronaldson being eighty years of age. And Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for more than half a century, also passed away soon after the close of our last annual communication.

Last, but not least, is Bro. David S. Dodds, who was the first Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge, dying in San Francisco, California, from tuberculosis on February 14th, 1902.

One other Past Grand Officer has entered the unseen lodge since our last meeting, one well known and universally beloved, Bro. William James, of Bathgate, Past Grand Senior Warden and Past Grand Treasurer.

Another Mason, although not a member of any Blue Lodge in the state yet affiliated with all other Masonic bodies, and by his connection with the Scottish Rite Bodies as Inspector General of the state, his name is well known to you all, Brother Rufus Eberle Fleming, than whom of all others, perhaps, we can owe the existence of the Temple in which we are now meeting. His death occurred at his home in Fargo, on March 20th, 1902, during a re-union of the Scottish Rite Bodies here, and his remains now lie interred in the Lodge of Perfection Room under the altar.

GRAND LODGES COSTA RICA—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica has sought recognition from this Grand Lodge, the communication having come into my hands on June 2 last.

The new Grand Lodge of Western Australia also seeks to enter into fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

LIBRARY.

Those who were at our last annual session and visited the library will note a considerable change in the appearance of the room. All of the duplicate and exchange books are now arranged in the storage room, and are catalogued. After the close of the Grand Lodge last year, I put in more than two months, with two, and sometimes three, assistants in moving, arranging, changing and shelving the volumes. This was my summer vacation.

During the latter part of the winter, I began the scientific catalogue of the library under the Dewey system, with my own adaptation of that system to the Masonic volumes contained in the library. I put in each forenoon for two months with the assistance of two young ladies in accessing, classifying and arranging on shelves of the books of the library. I have gotten only as far as the authors' numbers. The topical and invoice indexes are yet to be made.

Our Library has been fortunate in receiving cash contributions during the year, having received the following sums:

From Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo	$ 25 00
" Keystone Chapter No. 5, Fargo	15 00
" Auvergne Commandery No. 2, Fargo	10 00
" El Zagal Temple, Fargo	125 00
" Frank J. Thompson	46 06
Total	$221 06

This money has been expended in books, furniture and fixtures.

The following are the book donations to the library during the year:

From Major R. E. Fleming, Fargo, Souvenir Cen. Celebration Supreme Council 33.

From Bro. Jas. Pendroy, Towner, N. D., "General History, Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry" Macoy.

From Brother Louis Hotop, Fargo, N. D., Library of Universal History, 8 vols.—Clare.

From Bro. E. C. Stevens, Towner, N. D., "Masonic Antiquities of the Orient Unveiled."

From Bro. E. C. Stevens, Towner, N. D., Proceedings G. L. Illinois 1864, 1871, 1879 and 1881.

From Bro. E. C. Stevens, Towner, N. D., Proceedings Grand Chapter Wisconsin 1868.

From Bro. A. B. Taylor, Fargo, N. D., "The Man of Mt. Moriah." —Boutelle.

From Bro. Chas. Young, Fargo, N. D., "Masonic Instructor and Freemason's Assistant."—Mead.

From Bro. F. J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D:

"The Construction of Mill Dams."

"Portraits and Principles of the World's Great Men and Women."—King.

"Merchants and Bankers' Almanac, 1867."

"Souvenir Omaha, Nebraska."

Bro. J. C. McKendry, Fargo, N. D., "Clerk's & Crosswell's Manual" —Johnson.

From Ed. C. Florance, Grand Forks, N. D., "History of Freemasonry"—Gould 4 vols.

From Bro. F. J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D., "Souvenir Inauguration Australian Commonwealth."

Utica Public Library, N. Y., "Utica Public Library Finding List."

From Bro. W. L. Williamson, Lisbon, N. D:

"Proceedings Annual Session Supreme Council, 1857."

"Eulogy on Robert Morris"—Davidson.

"In Memoriam Albert Pike"—Hatch.

"Occasional Bulletin Supreme Council S. R. No. 12."

"In Memoriam Enoch T. Garson, 33."

"Letter Touching Masonic Symbolism"—Pike.

"Chastisement of a Bearer of False Witness"—Pike.

"Beauties of Cerneauism" (Nos. 5 and 6)—Pike.

"Pertinent Questions"—Pike.

"To the Masonic Fraternity in Maryland"—Schultz.

"Why I rejected Cerneauism"—Bourne.

"Fragrant Nosegay."

"Memorial Notice C. P. Samory, 33"—Pike.

"Reply of Holy Catholic and Apostolic Orthodox Church of the East to Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on re union."

"Memorial Notices, Albert Pike, J. C. Batchelor, P. C. Tucker and Thos. H. Caswell."

From Bro. M. G. Cushing, Fargo. N. D:

"The Atlantic Monthly, Jan. 1867 to July 1872"—12 bound volumes.

"Harper's New Monthly Magazine" June 1867 to June 1872—11 bound volumes.

"History and Typography of the U. S."—Hinton, 2 vols.

"A Memorial of Daniel Webster from the City of Baltimore" —Felton.

"History of the United Netherlands"—Motley, 2 vols.

"The Rise of the Dutch Republic"—Motley, 3 vols.

"Life of George Washington"—Sparks.

"Memoir of the Rev. Sydney Smith"—Holland, 2 vols.

"Foul Plays"—Boucicault & Reade.

"Old Red Sandstone"—Miller.

"Belisarius"—Marmontel.

"Works of Jonathan Swift"—2 vols.

"Poems of William Cowper"—2 vols.

"Grey's Inn Journal"—Murphy 2 vols.

"Works of Disreali" (complete.)

"Explorations and Adventures in Equatorial Africa"—DuChaillu.

"History of the Reign of Phillip Second of Spain"—Prescott 3 vols.

"The U. S. Grinnell Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin"—Kane.

"Leisure Hours in Town."

"The Cruise of Steam Yacht North Star"—Chonles.

"Knitting Work"—Shillaber.

"Discovery of the Fate of Sir John Franklin"—McClintock.

"The Hoosier School Master"—Eggleston.

"Life of Charlotte Bronte"—Gaskell, 2 vols.

"Life of Elisha Kent Kane"—Elder.

"Power of Soul Over Body"—Moore.

"Youth of Jefferson."

"Memorials of Thomas Hood"—Hood, 2 vols.

"American Home Garden"—Watson.

"Female Life Among the Mormons."

"Queechy"—Warner, 2 vols.

"Lives of the Queens of England of the House of Hanover"—Doran, 2 vols.

"Atlas of Ancient Geography"—Butler.

"Villa on the Rhine"—Auerbach.

"Poetical Works of Scott"—4 vols.

"Sentimental Journeys Through Greece"—DeGuys.

"Spectator"—Addison, 2 vols.

"Poetical Works"—Wordsworth, 1 vol.

"Works Samuel Johnson" 2 vols.

From Bro. F. J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D:

"Fargo Souvenir, Christmas 1897."

"Morals & Dogmas A. A. S. R."—Pike.

From Mr. W. F. Cushing, Fargo, N. D:

"Nouveau de la Ville de Paris"—Marie.

"Infantry Drill Regulations, U. S. A."

"Familiar Science"—Peterson.

"American Newspaper Directory, 30th, 31st and 32nd year"—3 vols.

"Plain Facts for Old and Young"—Kellogg.

"Classical Dictionary"--Anthon.

"Holy Bible" 1846.

"Leading Facts of French History"—Montgomery.

"Handy Specimen Book of Type, etc."

"Library Universal Knowledge."

"Lectures to Young Men"—Beecher.

"Odd Fellows Monitor and Guide"—Beharrell.

"Elements of Chemistry"—Kane.

"Poetical Works Thomas Moore."

"Poetical Works Wordsworth" 1 vol.

"Popular Songs."

"Benhart's Big Blue Book Specimen Type."

"Collective Specimen Book of Type."

"Works Shakespeare."

"Select British Eloquence."

"A New French & English Pronouncing Dictionary"—Meadows.

From Bro. F. J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D:

"Legislative Manual, N. D., 1899."

"Legislative Manual, N. D., 1901."

"Official Souvenir 27th Triennial Conclave, K. T."

"Poetical Works Wordsworth" 3 vols.

"Works C. Julii Ceasaris."

Total 152

The following books have been purchased during the year prior to close of Grand Lodge:

"History of the Great Northwest"—Hyde.

"History of Freemasonry"—Mackey, vol. 7.

"Poems"—Pike.

"Mackey's Jurisprudence."

"Cram's Atlas."

"Egyptian Book of the Dead"—Davis.

"Dictionary of Classical Antiquities"—Seyfert.

"History of the Rod"—Cooper

"Age of Chivalry"—Bulfinch.

"A Description of Indian and Oriental Armour"—Lord Egerton.

"The Obelisk of Freemasonry"—Weisse.

"Symbolism of the East and West"—Aynsley.

"Secret Societies of all Ages and Countries"—Heckethorn, 2 vols.

"The Buddhist Praying Wheel"—Simpson.

"Magical Ritual"—Levi.

"Russian Costumes."

"Romance Languages"—Lewis.

"Classification and Index"—Dewey.

"Book of L. S. Rules."

"Gaddings with a Primitive People"—Grohman.

"A Bibliography of Card Games"--Horr.

"Le Costume Historique"—Racinet, 6 vols.

"Indian Basketry"—James.

"A New System or Analysis of Ancient Mythology" 6 vol., Bryant.

Total.....41

During the year 52 Wernicke book cases were bought, 16 of which are subdivided into pigeon holes for the purpose of holding Grand Body Proceedings, and in which they remain until a volume is ready for binding.

A number of volumes have been rebound and repaired, and the following volumes of proceedings of Grand Bodies and Masonic and miscellaneous magazines have been bound and are now in the library.

Grand Lodge..... 77 volumes.

Grand Chapter..... 71 volumes.

Grand Commandery	50 volumes.
Grand Council	10 volumes.
Magazines	50 volumes.
Total	258

A large number of magazines and proceedings are in process of binding, which practically brings the work of binding of pamphlets and publications as are usually bound down to the present time.

Fire proof shutters have been added to the windows of the library, thus making the vault practically unaccessible to fire from without.

The library is now receiving the following Masonic magazines as compliment from their publishers:

"American Tyler"—Ann Arbor, Mich.,

"Eastern Star"—Indianapolis, Ind.,

"Masonic Advocate"—Indianapolis, Ind.,

"Masonic Constellation"—St Louis, Mo.,

"Masonic Chronicle"—Columbus, Ohio,

"Masonic Journal"—Portland, Me.,

"Masonic Voice and Review"—Chicago, Ill.,

"Masonic Standard"—New York,

"Masonic Token"—Portland, Me.,

"Mystic Tie"—Elkins, Va.,

"Pacific Mason"—Seattle, Wash.,

"Palestine Bulletin"—Detroit, Mich.,

"Shibolleth"—Memphis, Tenn.,

"Tennessee Mason"—Nashville, Tenn.,

"Texas Freemason"—San Antonio, Tex.,

"Trestle Board"—San Francisco, Cal.,

"Square and Compass"—New Orleans, La.,

"Keystone and Penn. Freemason"—Philadelphia, Pa.

I am sure that every thoughtful Mason in the state has reason to be proud of the little library which has been started, and, when I say "little," I refer especially to miscellaneous books, for our library of the proceedings of the various Grand Masonic Bodies is, perhaps, the most complete of any in the world, with, perhaps, one or two exceptions. The miscellaneous books are largely those of reference on general history and history of Grand Bodies. My idea is to make the library one of reference, and

especially of odd and curious subjects, bearing in mind, however, that its greatest bias should be toward those subjects in which Masonry, directly or collaterally, may be interested. My own part in the work of the library has been much more a matter of love than of remuneration, and I feel extremely thankful to the members of the Grand Lodge for the generosity that they have shown and the indulgence they have extended to me in the library work.

I am making arrangements to have a neat certificate printed, upon which will be a fine cut of the Masonic Temple, to be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Librarian, and presented to those making donations to the library. They will be souvenirs which will be appreciated by those who hold them, especially after the lapse of years.

It is unnecessary to ask you to visit the library during your stay. I desire to get every Mason in the state interested in our library, and especially in the collection of fossils and curios peculiar to the state. I have made a small start in that direction, and a slight contribution from many would soon make an exceedingly valuable and interesting display.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Lecturer then read his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Owing to increase of business, unlooked for when I accepted the appointment of Grand Lecturer, I found it impossible to visit all the lodges during the past year, and was obliged to ask the M.·. W.·. Grand Master to appoint a deputy. He appointed Bro. William I. Irvine, of Harmony Lodge No. 53, Lidgerwood, N. D., as my deputy, who visited many of the lodges and whose report is appended.

I visited personally lodges at Ellendale, Edgeley, LaMoure, Sheldon, Enderlin, Oakes, Fargo, Hillsboro, Grand Forks, Minto, Grafton, Towner, Minot, Williston, Harvey, Jamestown, Casselton, Tower City, Cooperstown, Sanborn, Bismarck, Mandan, Dickinson, Dickey and Lisbon. Most of the lodges are doing creditable work.

I think that if blanks were furnished the Grand Lecturer and a separate report of each visit required, giving names of officers present and stating whether they could do the work themselves or had to depend on some one else to do it, that it would be a great incentive to the officers to perfect themselves before the Grand Lecturer's visit.

I have had the honor of being your Grand Lecturer for the past four years, and have many pleasant remembrances that will go with me

MELVIN LINCOLN YOUNGS,

BORN APRIL 8TH, 1826; DIED JUNE 27TH, 1902.

Grand Master Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., Wisconsin, 1867, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter R. A. M., Wisconsin, 1864-1865.

Grand Lecturer Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Wisconsin forty-five years, since 1857.

The work of the Grand Lodges of South and North Dakota is what is called the "Wisconsin Work," with some changes in the Master's Degree in the latter state. Brother Youngs has been the great source to which the fraternity of both Dakotas has turned for ritualistic light. And his intimate connection with the craft ever since a Grand Lodge was formed in the Territory renders his death almost a personal loss to the brethren of the North and South.

through life of my visits to the different lodges. I hope that I have done some good and that my labor has not been altogether in vain.

Owing to good and sufficient reasons, it would be impossible for me to accept the appointment, even were it again offered to me, and so, with this report, I bid you, as Grand Lecturer, good-bye.

My financial report is as follows:

Paid for stationery	$5 00
" " stamps	4 00
Total	$9 00

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN SCOTT (29),

Grand Lecturer.

REPORT DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER.

To W.·. Bro. John Scott (29), Grand Lecturer A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.:

By your kindness I was appointed Deputy Grand Lecturer for the past year, and assigned to conduct schools of instruction in thirty-four lodges. I began this work January 22nd, 1902, in Goose River Lodge No. 14, at Portland, and completed March 27th, at Valley City. In all I visited lodges at Pembina, Valley City, Larimore, Portland, Page, Devils Lake, Cavalier, Bathgate, Lakota, Park River, Hope, Inkster, St. Thomas, Langdon, Hamilton, Forest River, Crystal, Cando, Reynolds, Bottineau, Minnewaukan, Willow City, Milton, Walhalla, Drayton, Mayville, Carrington, Gilby, Leal, New Rockford, Hunter, Hannah and Rugby.

I found the lodges generally well informed in the work, and many new officers, as well as old ones, willing to work and study for proficiency.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),

Deputy Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), Chairman of the Finance Committee, then read the report of such committee and moved its adoption, and which was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report that, agreeably to custom, this Committee convened the day previous to the Annual Com-

munication of the Grand Lodge at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has examined the books, records and vouchers of the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find the same correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$5,077.62	
Charter Fees Dickey No. 63, Ionic No. 64 and Rugby No. 65	90.00	
Cash from dues and fees, 1901-2	4,101.00	
" " sale G. L. Codes	5.06	
" " card trays and records	32.86	
" " morals and dogmas	31.50	
" " fines	125.00	
" " interest on ctf. of deposit	60.00	
" " dispensation, Rolla Lodge	20.00	
" " unexpended balance, moving acct.	39.25	
" " refund printing proceedings	1.92	
" " unexpended balance storage room acct.	4.52	
		$9,488.67

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous appropriations	$2,652.37	
Printing proceedings	140.12	
Membership registry	105.00	
Grand Lecturer	100.00	
Finishing storage room	60.00	
Postage	84.17	
Miscellaneous printing	31.73	
Express and freight	19.08	
Engraving charters	4.00	
Furniture	33.76	
Miscellaneous contingent	485.12	
Moving account	29.00	
In hands of Grand Treasurer, June 23rd, 1902	5,744.32	
		$9,488.67

RECAPITULATION.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer June 13th, 1901	$5,077.62	
Rec'd from Grand Secretary	4,411.05	

CONTRA.

By cash paid out		$3,744.35
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer June 23rd, 1902		5,744.32
	$9,488.67	$9,488.67

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance from last year	$ 341.25	
Received from per capita tax 1901-2	379.70	
" " donations Fargo bodies	50.00	
" " El Zagal Temple donation	125.00	
" " Grand Seoretary donation	46.06	
		$ 942.01

CONTRA.

On account of books	$ 358.89	
" " " miscellaneous expenses	399.32	
Balance on hand June 23rd, 1902	183.80	
		$ 942.01

We find that Golden Fleece Lodge No. 31 and Rugby Lodge No. 65 failed to have their returns filed in the Grand Secretary's office on or before May 15th, and that Welcome Lodge No. 54 has not paid its dues and fees, as provided by the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and we recommend that the customary fine of $5.00 be imposed upon these three lodges. We further find that Golden Fleece Lodge No. 31 and Rugby No. 65, anticipating the inevitable, have remitted $5.00 each for delayed returns.

We also find that Valley City Lodge No. 7 has failed to pay its library per capita tax, amounting to $9.90, and we recommend a fine of $5.00 for delinquency.

We find that there is due this Grand Lodge $29.35 for dues, fees and per capita tax from Welcome Lodge No. 54, and $9.90 for per capita tax from Valley City Lodge No. 7, making a total of $39.25, and your Committee recommends that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to make demand upon these particular lodges for the immediate payment thereof.

Your Committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing proceedings	200.00
Membership registry	100.00
Contingent	700.00

We further recommend that the interest from the money on deposit, and all fines hereafter to be collected, be set aside as a special fund to form the nucleus for a home for indigent Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

We would recommend a per capita tax of ten cents for the next three years for the maintenance of the library, to be charged upon the

membership of this Grand Lodge and payable to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15th each year; that in the future the insurance premiums of the policies covering the Grand Lodge library be charged to the library fund and paid therefrom.

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTERS' APRONS.

The Committee, to whom was referred the purchase of aprons for Past Grand Masters, made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee has procured the aprons for Past Grand Masters, as per direction of the Grand Lodge last year, and they are here for distribution. Before the selection was made bids and samples were asked for of the leading regalia houses, and Henderson-Ames Co., of Kalamazoo, Mich., was given the contract.

The design is partly original with your Committee. The jewel and wreath are an exact fac simile of the jewel of the Grand Master. The cost of the aprons was $10.00 apiece, there being fourteen, making the bill $140.00.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4)
Committee,

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report, which on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) was adopted, and the reviews ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

For the first time in a number of years there is presented a review of the doings of our sister Grand Lodges. A year ago the Grand Master

asked the writer to act as a Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The task was undertaken with fear and trembling almost, well knowing the qualities required for the work, and thoroughly appreciating the shortcomings of your Committee as to those qualities. Especially is this true when consideration is had of the master hand and fertile brain from which our former reviews came, for we all recognize in M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson one thoroughly equipped for the duties of correspondent.

We have tried to follow in the footsteps of our illustrious predecessor, finding consolation in the fact that the years intervening between his last and our first report are so many that invidious comparisons are not apt to be made. The gauntlet of criticism on the part of fellow correspondents must yet be run, but there remains the satisfaction of having the opportunity of getting back at them.

Feeling that the good intentions of the correspondent will be allowed to more than offset the defects in the work done, the following reviews are submitted to the brethren in this grand jurisdiction and commended to the kindly consideration of the craft at large.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
Correspondent.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Edwin H. James (30) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business for 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

That so much thereof as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

That so much thereof as refers to the granting of dispensations, the same coming clearly within the powers of the Grand Master, does not need reference.

That so much thereof as refers to amending Sec. 7 of the Grand Lodge by-laws, thereby reducing the number required to form a lodge, be referred to a Committee on By-Laws.

That so much thereof as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to incorporation be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to the large number of rejections in one lodge be referred to a special committee on the Good of the Order.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

That the report of the Grand Treasurer, having been already checked up by the Committee on Finance, needs no reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

That so much of the report of Grand Secretary as refers to annual returns of chartered Lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

That so much thereof as refers to returns of Lodges U. D. be referred to a Committee on Lodges U. D.

That so much thereof as refers to grievances be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

That so much thereof as refers to the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

That the report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to a Committee on Grand Lecturer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES L. GREEN (39),
EDWIN L. SCOFIELD (32),
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
Committee.

NAMES OF COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following committees for this session :

Obituary—Sylvester J. Hill (1), Laurence G. Moultrie (7), Alonzo McDonald (50), Wilbur C. Short (2), Albert A. J. Lang (14).

By-Laws—Isaac N. Steen (55), Joseph E. Halstead (6), Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fred L. Ely (65), Stillman E. Brown (18).

Good of the Order—Alva A. Hall (46), Charles Harshman (58), William J. Glass (28), August Brodtkorb (41), Oscar L. Purinton (45).

Chartered Lodges—Wallace W. Heffron (9), Boardman S. Hodges (13), Frank Sims (47), James C. Harper (49), George H. Soule (43).

Lodges U. D.—Charles A. Harris (11), Seneca Brownell (51), John A. Black (53), Charles E. Tillson (56), John J. Hull (15).

Grand Lecturer—Charles P. Kinney (16), William Robertson (23), Arthur S. Moote (27), Charles H. Baker (21), Alex Austin (42).

Mileage and Per Diem—Thomas Harrison (10), James L. Green (39), Evarts C. Stevens (43).

The hour being 4:45 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

TOUCHING INCIDENT.

At this time Mrs. William H. Best, wife of Past Grand Master Best, deceased, was escorted to the lodge room by W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill, and, at the request of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Past Grand Master Robert M. Carothers (4), presented a Past Grand Master's apron to the family of Bro. Best. The touching words of the presentation, the feeling and appreciative

response by Mrs. Best, and the recollection of him so dearly beloved by the brethren and but recently taken from us, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of those present, and few eyes there were, if any, indeed, that were not filled with tears.

It may be remarked in passing that Bro. Best is the only deceased Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

REPORT—MILEAGE AND PER DIEM COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due representatives, report as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $842.30, to be paid by him to the proper representatives as hereinafter designated.

NO.	LODGE.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	BRO. RECEIPTING.
1	Shiloh	Fargo			$4.00	$ 4.00	E. E. Kaufman
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	$ 8.10	4.00	12.10	W. C. Short
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	1.00	4.00	5.00	H. J. Rowe
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	H. Bendeke
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	H. L. Reade
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4.65	4.00	8.65	J. E. Halstead
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	L. G. Moultrie
8	Mandan	Mandan	207				
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	W. W. Heffron
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	Thos. Harrison
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	Wm. M. Chandler
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2.80	4.00	6.80	A. R. Stone
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	6.00	4.00	10.00	B. S. Hodges
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3.50	4.00	7.50	A. A. J. Lang
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	J. J. Hull
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	Chas. P. Kinney
17	Minto	Minto	107	5.35	4.00	9.35	John Miller
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	S. E. Brown
19	Goose River	Portland	68				
20	Hiram	Page	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	E. Q. Carver
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	8.25	4.00	12.25	C. H. Baker
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	T. G. Thompson
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	Wm. Robertson
24	Euclid	Lakota	144				
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	E. C. Harvey
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	W. T. Fallis
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	A. S. Moote
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	W. J. Glass
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	H. V. Hicks
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	B. L. Lewis
31	Golden Fleece	Ferman	112				
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	E. L. Scofield
33	Star in the West	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	E. A. Crokat
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	John E. Truax
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7.10	4.00	11.10	Geo. McLean
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	R. B. Warren
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3.05	4.00	7.05	C. A. Tuttle
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	C. K. Wing
39	Mixpah	Sheldon	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	J. L. Green
40	Cando	Cando	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	J. H. Hunkel
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	August Brodtkorb
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2.85	4.00	6.85	Thos. Harrison
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	George H. Soule
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	Thos. Sims
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5.30	4.00	9.30	Oscar L. Purinton
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9.65	4.00	13.65	A. A. Hall
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	Frank Sims
48	Milton	Milton	164				
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2.50	4.00	6.50	Pd. by check C. D. Lord, Gr. Treas., 6-25-02.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	A. McDonald
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	S. Brownell
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6.60	4.00	10.60	O. C. Olson
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	J. A. Black
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	201				
55	Decotah	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	I. N. Steen
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	C. E. Tillson
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	R. H. Hankinson
58	Khuram	Gilby	103	5.15	4.00	9.15	Chas. Harshman
59	Independence	Leal	78				
60	Century	New Rockford	153	7.65	4.00	11.65	W. C. Hayes
61	Devotion	Harvey	167	8.35	4.00	12.35	W. C. Melville
62	Hunter	Hunter	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	G. H. Turner
63	Dickey	Dickey	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	C. E. Bobo
64	Ionic	Hannah	201	10.05	4.00	14.05	D. McLean
65	Rugby	Rugby	224	11.20	4.00	15.20	Fred L. Ely
CD	Rolla	Rolla	233	11.65	.35	12.00	W. J. Hoskins

GRAND, PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	MILES.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.	BRO. RECEIPTING.
Thomas L. Foulks, G. M...	Fargo.....			$4.00	$ 4.00	T. L. Foulks
W. L. Stockwell, D. G. M..	Grafton.....	117	$ 5.85	4.00	9.85	W. L. Stockwell
Thos. E. Fox, S. G. W.....	Willow City....	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	T. E. Fox
Jas. T. Blacklock, J. G.W.	Hamilton.....	142	7.10	4.00	11.10	J. T. Blacklock
C. D. Lord, G. Treas.....	Park River.....	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	C. D Lord
Jas. W. Foley, S. G. D.....	Bismarck.....	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	James W. Foley
J. Riessbeck, J. G. S.....	Dickinson. ...	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	J. Riessbeck
O. H. Phillips, G. Mar.....	Larimore..,....	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	O. H. Phillips
S. J. Hill, G. S. Bearer....	Fargo.....			4.00	4.00	S. J. Hill
John Scott, Gr. Lec..	Oakes.....	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	John Scott
Jas. McDonald, P. G. M...	Grafton.....	117	5.85	4.00	9.95	J. McDonald
Geo. L. McGregor, P. G. M.	Fargo.....			4.00	4.00	G. L. McGregor
R. M. Carothers, P. G. M..	Grand Forks...	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	R. M. Carothers
E. H. James, P. G. M	St. Thomas....	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	E. H. James
C. A. Harris, P. G. Treas..	Grafton.....	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	C. A. Harris
E. C. Stevens. P. G. Treas.	Towner.....	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	E. C. Stevens
A. B. Taylor, Fin. Com....	Fargo.....			6.00	6.00	A. B. Taylor
G. S. Hager, Fin Com.....	St. Thomas....	131	6.55	6.00	12 55	G. S. Hager
E G. Guthrie, Fin. Com..	Casselton.....	20	1.00	6.00	7 00	E. G. Guthrie
F. H. Sprague, Fin. Com..	Grafton.....	117	5.85	6.00	11.85	F. H. Sprague
Jno. McDonald, Griev. & App. Com.....	Inkster.....	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	Jno. McDonald
J. M. Stewart, Griev. & App. Com	Mayville.....	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	J. M. Stewart
Jno. Nelson, Griev & App. Com.....	Larimore.....	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	J. Nelson

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS HARRISON, (10),
JAMES L. GREEN (39),
EVARTS C. STEVENS (43),
Committee.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE—RECOMMITMENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved :

That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Wallace Heffron (9) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges reports as follows:

That the returns of the various lodges of the jurisdiction are correct.

Your Committee notes that several lodges are very lax in their reports, some of which have had to be returned several times for correction. The importance of lodge secretaries filing their returns promptly cannot be too strongly urged.

Fraternally submitted,

WALLACE W. HEFFRON, (9),
BOARDMAN S. HODGES (13),
FRANK SIMS (47),
GEORGE H. SOULE (43),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. John Riessbeck (32) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, the Committee on Grand Lecturer's report, recommend that the report be adopted; that his suggestion as to blanks on the proficiency of local lodge officers be indorsed; that statement of account, accompanying his report, be referred to the Finance Committee; that a vote of thanks be extended to Bro. Scott for his efficient labors as Grand Lecturer during the past years.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES P. KINNEY (16),
WILLIAM ROBERTSON (23),
ARTHUR S. MOOTE (27),
CHARLES H. BAKER (21),
ALEX AUSTIN (42).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Obituary submits the following:

" To the past go more dead faces
Every year!
As the loved leave vacant places
Every year!
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's shade they greet us,
And to come to them entreat us
Every year."

Again have we met in our Annual Communication, and again has the roll been called, and some who have been accustomed to answer to that call with us today have their names on that longer roll " beyond the river."

As one by one our friends and brothers fade from our earthly sight to take their places in that " bourne from whence no traveler returns," it is very meet and proper that we recall their names and thereby bring to mind the many pleasant associations with them in the past, and, in memory, review the virtues which have so endeared them to our hearts: for too often

" We hold our sacred dead aloof,
We put them by like treasures old,
No more for them our hearth or roof,
But narrow dwellings lone and cold.

" The dear warm hearts that fell asleep,
Why shun them in our secret thought?
Why ever at a distance keep
As if some change was in them wrought?

" They cease not from their constant love,
They are not strange and far away.
Their presences about us move
Closer than presences of clay.

" How it must grieve them when they come
Heart-close, and find no welcome there!
Or whisper love and find us dumb,
Forgetful, hedged with servile care!

" Oh, let us hold our dear ones close—
Closer and closer—when they move
Beyond the veil! For no one knows
The preciousness of human love!"

Probably the greatest shock to our Masonic family from the visit of the "death angel" was when our beloved President, William McKinley, fell at the hand of the assassin. His record is a noble one and no words

of ours can add anything either to his fame or the loving memory in which he is cherished by his brethren.

Notices of the following deaths have been received from Sister Grand Lodges:

Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary of Rhode Island since 1872.

George Dickerson Golden, M.·. W.·. Grand Master of Idaho, fell at his post while on official visitation to his subordinate lodges.

Joseph Hayes Thompson, Grand Treasurer of Minnesota since 1878.

Theodore Sutton Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa since its organization in 1844, excepting only one year, when he served as Grand Master. Bro. Parvin's name will always be held in high honor among the Masons of this jurisdiction for the interest he has always taken in our welfare, and especially for the help afforded in securing our Grand Lodge Library.

Mortimer Nye and Bellamy S. Sutton, both Past Grand Masters of Indiana.

John W. Champlin and William L. Webber, Past Grand Masters of Michigan.

James Wassen Moore, Past Grand Treasurer of Nebraska.

Edward H. Chamberlain, Past Grand Master of District of Columbia.

John Logan Power, for thirty years Grand Secretary of Mississippi.

Jefferson C. Cawood and Joseph H. Bullock, Past Grand Masters of Tennessee.

Edwin Gustavus Bower, Past Grand Master, and William Fellows Swain, Past Grand Secretary of Texas.

James Dallas O'Meara, Past Grand Master of Manitoba.

John Helder Isaacson, Grand Secretary and Hon. P. G. M., of Quebec.

Hugh Sterling, Past Grand Treasurer, and Timothy W. Bliss, Grand Tyler since 1863, of West Virginia.

Beauford Watts Ball, Past Grand Master of South Carolina.

John Day Caldwell, Past Grand Secretary of Ohio.

William C. Boardman, Past Grand Master of Montana.

William Henry Shryock, Past Grand Treasurer of Maryland.

James R. Bayley, Past Grand Master of Oregon.

Melvin L. Youngs, Past Grand Master, and for forty-five years Grand Lecturer of Wisconsin.

From our own jurisdiction thirty-four have passed into the unseen. Of these, David S. Dodds was our first Grand Secretary, and William James was past Senior Grand Warden.

While not a member of any subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction, probably the best known Mason who has died in our midst during the year was Rufus Eberle Fleming, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Scottish Rite for North Dakota. To his energy and enthusiasm was largely due the erection of this beautiful temple in which we are now assembled and "that which was his shrine has now become his monument," for his body lies buried beneath the floor of the Lodge of Perfection room in the basement.

"Earth to earth, dust to dust,
Calmly now the words we say,
Left behind, we wait in trust
For the resurrection day.
There the tears of earth are dried,
There its hidden things are clear,
There the work of life is tried
By a juster judge than here.
Father, in thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now our brothers sleeping."

In memory of those gone before, we recommend that the usual memorial pages be set apart in the proceedings of this annual communication.

Fraternally submitted,

SYLVESTER J. HILL (1),
LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7),
ALONZO M'DONALD (50),
WILBUR C. SHORT (2),
ALBERT A. J. LANG (14),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—IN RE-NUMBER TO FORM NEW LODGE.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee appointed on By-Laws, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, wherein he recommended that Section 17 of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifteen," begs leave to submit the following report:

That we do not approve said recommendation, and recommend that Section 17 of said Grand Lodge By-Laws remain as it now stands.

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC N. STEEN (55),
JOSEPH E. HALSTEAD (6),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
FRED L. ELY (65),
STILLMAN E. BROWN (18),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON ROLLA LODGE U. D.

The Committee on Rolla Lodge U. D. made the following report, which on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles A. Harris (11) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota :

Your Committee on Rolla Lodge U. D., to whom was referred the petition of said lodge, begs leave to make the following report :

That we have examined all the records furnished us and find the same in accordance with the forms and customs of the Fraternity, and would recommend that a charter be granted said lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. HARRIS (11),
JOHN A. BLACK (53),
CHARLES E. TILLSON (56),
JOHN J. HULL (15),
Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The special hour of election having arrived, the Grand Master appointed W.·. Bro. H. John Rowe (3) and W.·. Bro. George W. Turner (62) as tellers.

At this juncture R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox (47), the Senior Grand Warden, stated that his business was of such a nature that it would be impossible for him to give the time to the

affairs of the Grand Lodge that he should, and, therefore, asked that he be not considered a candidate for office. R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) responded by saying that the sacrifice upon R.·. W.·. Bro. Fox's part was truly commendable, and that at the proper time he should move that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions recognizing the work which Bro. Fox had done, and his sacrifice in refusing further preferment. The election proceeded with the following result:

ELECTED.

Walter L. Stockwell (11), M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Grafton.

James T. Blacklock (35), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, address, Walhalla.

James W. Foley (5), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Bismarck.

John Scott (29), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Oakes.

Clinton D. Lord (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo.

COMMITTEE ON FOX RESOLUTIONS.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

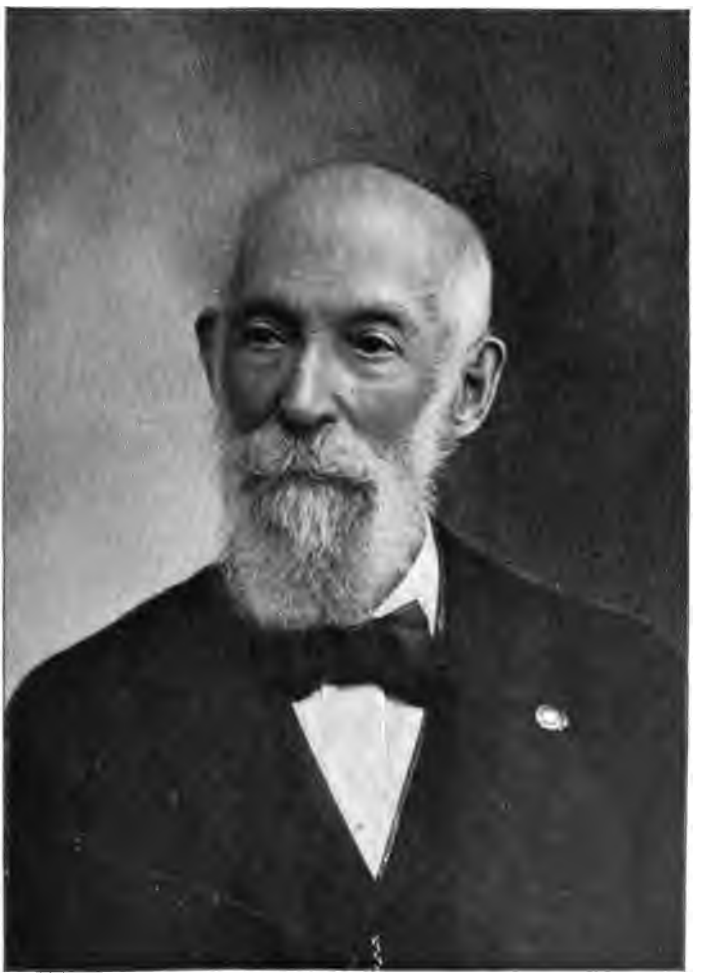
That the Grand Master appoint a committee of three to draft suitable resolutions for the noble and self-sacrificing stand which R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox (47) had taken in refusing to be advanced.

Carried.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then appointed as such committee: R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), W.·. Bro. John Scott (29), W.·. Bro. Albino R. Stone (12).

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS—GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Finance made the following supplemental report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) was adopted.



THEODORE SUTTON PARVIN.

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., Iowa, from 1844 to June 28th, 1901, date of his demise. He helped to organize the Grand Lodge of Dakota Territory. Donated the Grand Lodge Library to North Dakota, which was burned June 7th, 1893. He was the founder of the Iowa Grand Lodge Library, the largest and most complete Masonic Library in the world.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota :

We, the Finance Committee, to whom several matters were referred, beg leave to report :

That the appropriation for printing proceedings be increased to the sum of $300.00.

Further, that the bill of the Grand Lecturer, amounting to $9.00, be paid and an order be drawn on the treasury therefor.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GOOD OF THE ORDER.

The Committee on Good of the Order made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. John Scott (29) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

The Committee on Good of the Order reports that it has inquired into the matter brought before it concerning the rejection of seventeen applications for membership by Lebanon Lodge No. 34. We have every reason to believe the difficulty is settled and that there will be no further trouble, and we recommend that the Grand Lodge take no action for the present.

Fraternally submitted,

ALVA A. HALL (46),
WM. J. GLASS (28),
CHARLES HARSHMAN (58),
AUGUST BRODTKORB (41),
OSCAR D. PURINTON (45),
Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR CORRESPONDENT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved :

That the appropriation for the writer on correspondence be referred to the Finance Committee.

Carried.

INVITATION—GRAND FORKS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4), in behalf of Acacia Lodge No. 4 of Grand Forks, extended a cordial invitation to all the members of the Grand Lodge to attend the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple at Grand Forks, the date being about July 14.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—ANNUAL ELECTION.

The Committee on By-Laws presented a further report as follows, and after some discussion it was agreed that it go over and be made the first order of business at the afternoon session.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully recommends that Section 40, By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "first" in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof the word "last."

Fraternally submitted,

ISAAC N. STEEN (55),
STILLMAN E. BROWN (18),
JOSEPH E. HALSTEAD (6),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

JUVENILE RITUAL.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) stated that the Grand Secretary had prepared a ritual, consisting of two degrees, for an order to be confined to the sons and brothers of Master Masons between the ages of fourteen and twenty one; that he and other Masons had seen the ritual and were favorably impressed with the possibilities which it presented in giving to our sons and brothers better lessons in life than are ordinarily at hand, at the same time

preparing the mind for the Masonic degrees, and therefore he moved:

That a Committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to investigate the ritual and report at the next grand annual communication.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, in the case of Bro. John E. Williams of Dickinson Lodge No. 32, begs leave to report as follows:

That the papers submitted to this committee do not show that there has been a full Masonic trial of the accused brother; that no conclusions or decision of the lodge have been arrived at;

Therefore, we recommend that all papers submitted to this committee be returned to Dickinson Lodge No. 32 for further action and complete transcript of the trial of the accused brother, according to the masonic criminal code.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M'DONALD (28).
JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
JOHN NELSON (16),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE. APPROPRIATION FOR CORRESPONDENT.

The Finance Committee made the following supplemental report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota :

Your Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of $100.00 for the work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
Committee.

The hour being 12:10 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment to 2 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour being 2 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor. The Grand Master elect announced the following appointive officers and standing committees:

APPOINTED.

Laurence G. Moultrie (7), W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City.

Grant S. Hager (30), W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, St. Thomas.

Louis A. Jacobson (27), W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Hope.

John Riessbeck (32), W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Dickinson.

Sylvester J. Hill (1), W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Fargo.

Halfdan Bendeke (4), W.·. Grand Marshal, Grand Forks.

John J. Hull (15), W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Wahpeton.

Joseph M. Stewart (55), W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Mayville.

James L. Green (39), W.·. Grand Tyler, Sheldon.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), Casselton; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina;

Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Jurisprudence Committee—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address Fargo.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Inkster; John Nelson (16), Larimore; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT.

Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 46 vs. WAHPETON LODGE NO. 15.

It was moved:

That the matter of difference between Evergreen Lodge No. 46 and Wahpeton Lodge No. 15 be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

Carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS. ANNUAL ELECTION.

W.·. Bro. Isaac N. Steen (55) moved;

That the supplemental report of the Committee on By-Laws amending Section 40 be adopted.

Carried by three-fourths vote.

RESOLUTIONS—THOMAS E. FOX.

The Committee on Resolutions to R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E.

Fox (47) made the following report, which on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) was adopted :

Whereas, Bro. Thomas E. Fox, our Senior Grand Warden, has deemed it best to decline advancement in this grand body when it was practically a certainty, giving as his reason for such declination the fact that business matters would call him from the state nearly all the time;

Therefore be it resolved, That the Grand Lodge regrets his declination, but appreciates the high motives which prompted such action and desires to express its high regard for Brother Fox ; and,

Further, It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that an apron suitable for a Senior Grand Warden be purchased and presented to Brother Fox, and also that a copy of these resolutions, suitably engrossed, be presented to him.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
JOHN SCOTT (29),
ALBINO R. STONE (12),
Committee.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota :

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to decisions and the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia, reports as follows:

That decision No. 1, on the question of jurisdiction, be not approved, for the reason that the petitioner had removed into the State of Montana before having received any of the degrees in a lodge in this grand jurisdiction and remained there until after the statutory time within which he could receive such degrees here without a new ballot, he, therefore, being at the time of his second petition to our lodge a resident of the State of Montana.

That decisions Nos. 2 and 3 be approved.

That this Grand Lodge recognize the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica and Western Australia and that representatives be exchanged with said Grand Lodges.

That the action of the Grand Master with respect to the incorporation of particular lodges be approved and that no further action be taken.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES M'DONALD (11),
GEORGE L. M'GREGOR (6),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
Committee.

APPROPRIATION TO CAPT. S. T. CONNICK.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved :

That the customary $10.00 be paid to Bro. Samuel T. Connick for his services as acting Tyler for this Grand Lodge session.

Carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS—EVERGREEN vs. WAHPETON.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following supplemental report, which on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28) was adopted :

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, having under consideration the matter in question of bill for medical services rendered the late Brother Onan, a member of Wahpeton Lodge No. 15, by Dr. Schultz, at request of Evergreen Lodge No. 46, and which lodge the doctor holds responsible for the bill, and according to instructions given by Wahpeton Lodge to Evergreen Lodge to render the Brother "all necessary assistance and send bill for same to Wahpeton Lodge."

Your committee recommends that Wahpeton Lodge No. 15 pay said bill.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN M'DONALD (28),
JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
JOHN NELSON (16),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
Committee.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Master appointed W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) marshal and proceeded to install the following grand officers :

Walter L. Stockwell (11), M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Grafton.

James T. Blacklock (35), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, address, Walhalla.

James W. Foley (5), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Bismarck.

John Scott (29), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Oakes.

Clinton D. Lord (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River.

Frank J. Thompson (1), R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo.

Laurence G. Moultrie (7), W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City.

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Halfdan Bendeke (4), W.·. Grand Marshal, Grand Forks.

John J. Hull (15), W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Wahpeton.

Joseph M. Stewart (55), W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Mayville.

James L. Green (39), W.·. Grand Tyler, Sheldon.

COMMITTEE—JUVENILE RITUAL.

The Grand Master then named the following Brothers as Committee on Juvenile Ritual : W.·. Bro. Frank H. Sprague (11), W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), W.·. Bro. Almond L. Woods (11), M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby (10), W.·. Bro. Isaac N. Steen (55), M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4).

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox (47) moved :

That the report of the Committee on Juvenile Ritual be sent to the various lodges in the state before the session of the Grand Lodge in time to be considered by the several lodges before the next annual session.

Carried.

THANKS TO SHILOH LODGE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. James T. Blacklock (35) moved :

That this Grand Lodge extend its thanks to Shiloh Lodge No. 1 for the entertainment which had been accorded to the delegates during the session.

Carried.

EVENTS.

Tuesday evening the third degree was exemplified upon the stage of the auditorium, and on Wednesday evening a public entertainment was given in the auditorium, which was enjoyed by all.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Walter L. Stockwell (11), closed the thirteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form at 4:10 p. m., peace and harmony prevailing.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
Grand Master.

Attest :

Frank J. Thompson
Grand Secretary.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

JAMESTOWN LODGE NO. 6.

Henry Vessey
Harvey J. Warner
Johnathan W. Noxon
William H. Hofacker
Jacob A. Reed.
Charles W. Meharry

SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE NO. 12.

James W. Brown
Andrew H. Moore
Alanson G. Evans
William D. Brown
Edmund Russell
Frederick W. Taylor
Hans A. Haugan
Samuel E. Ryan
George E. Strout
Clarence W. Sprague
Peter J. Cruickshank
Charles R. Palmer
Herman L. Waterhouse
Richard P. Van Orden
Henry A. Palmer
Emmett S. Wisner
Frank C. Robinson

SANBORN LODGE NO. 14.

John W. Osbonne

WAHPETON LODGE NO. 15.

Charles R. Loomis
James A. Lawrence

MACKEY LODGE NO. 18.

Asa M. Davis
Jason L. Sizer

HIRAM LODGE NO. 20.

Moses D. Henry
George Powney
Randal W. Gray
William J. Fulghum

DICKINSON LODGE NO. 32.

Charles H. McWilliams
Samuel Bolton
Samuel Bierline
Alexander S. Robinson
George Gibbs
Matthew Pisha

FAIRMOUNT LODGE NO. 37.

Lewis H. Eldred
Adam Schott
George W. Moor
Edgar W. Spalding

WILLOW LODGE NO. 47.

Thomas E. Douglas
William Halls
Norman A. Pennington.

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges, April 30, 1902.

Number	NAME.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled.	Increase.	Decrease.	Membership.	Dues and Fees Paid.
1	Shiloh	37	40	37	8	1	4	4	—	—	46	8	389	$ 420.50
2	Pembina	2	2	2	—	—	2	2	—	—	2	4	62	52.50
3	Casselton	5	6	4	—	—	—	7	—	—	4	7	113	102.25
4	Acacia	15	8	8	9	—	2	4	—	—	17	6	174	169.25
5	Bismarck	12	8	9	2	—	1	1	—	—	11	2	70	93.50
6	Jamestown	5	4	4	—	—	1	3	6	—	4	10	121	105.75
7	Valley City	5	3	3	2	2	2	2	—	—	7	4	101	87.75
8	Mandan	7	7	4	1	1	1	4	—	—	6	5	71	75.25
9	Cereal	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	—	—	5	2	41	36.75
10	Hillsboro	4	5	5	1	—	—	5	—	—	6	5	107	93.00
11	Crescent	—	1	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	93	68.75
12	Sheyenne Valley	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	17	—	7	19	74	62.75
13	Ellendale	5	4	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	3	78	68.25
14	Sanborn	8	5	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	37	51.25
15	Wahpeton	5	4	3	2	—	1	3	2	—	5	6	69	62.25
16	North Star	9	8	5	—	—	—	4	—	—	5	4	89	86.25
17	Minto	5	7	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	4	2	42	46.75
18	Mackey	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	35	29.25
19	Goose River	4	4	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	29	31.00
20	Hiram	12	11	10	1	—	2	—	4	—	11	6	56	70.00
21	Minnewaukan	9	11	8	3	—	—	3	—	—	11	3	110	118.00
22	Tongue River	2	2	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	53	44.75
23	Bathgate	3	1	2	1	—	1	2	—	—	3	3	83	68.25
24	Euclid	4	3	2	2	—	1	1	—	—	4	2	50	50.50
25	Anchor	3	3	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	28	30.00
26	Golden Valley	6	6	3	3	1	1	2	—	—	7	3	83	78.00
27	Occidental	15	14	12	3	—	—	2	—	—	15	2	91	109.25
28	Forest River	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	68	51.25
29	Hope	4	2	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	4	2	44	41.00
30	Temple	2	5	6	3	—	1	2	—	—	9	3	53	54.75
31	Golden Fleece	3	5	6	—	—	1	4	—	—	6	5	51	48.25
32	Dickinson	6	5	5	1	—	—	2	6	1	6	9	94	85.50
33	Star in the West	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	49	45.75
34	Lebanon	16	17	16	—	3	—	7	—	—	19	7	126	142.75
35	Hamilton	1	2	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	2	36	33.00
36	St. Johns	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	37	30.75
37	Fairmount	5	5	4	—	—	—	2	4	—	4	6	42	44.00
38	Crystal	1	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	2	2	32	26.00
39	Mizpah	8	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	37.00
40	Cando	14	13	13	3	—	—	5	—	—	16	5	58	83.75
41	Maple River	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	36	28.50
42	Reynolds	5	3	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	32	36.00
43	Mouse River	2	3	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	3	1	35	35.50
44	Tuscan	9	6	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	34	53.50
45	Northern Light	3	3	4	2	—	—	2	—	—	6	2	54	52.00
46	Evergreen	7	4	4	—	—	1	3	—	—	4	4	72	66.25
47	Willow	8	6	5	1	—	1	1	3	—	6	5	40	57.00
48	Milton	9	6	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	44	50.00
49	Liberty	8	8	9	2	—	—	—	—	—	11	—	43	55.75
50	Walhalla	8	5	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	2	46	49.50
51	Mt. Moriah	1	1	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	5	1	29	25.75
52	Fidelity	5	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	28	42.25
53	Harmony	2	4	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	38	38.75
54	Welcome	—	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	33	26.25
55	Dacotah	2	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	32	30.00
56	Aurora	11	8	7	—	—	1	1	—	—	7	2	41	62.25
57	Hankinson	4	5	4	1	—	—	2	—	—	5	2	26	32.50
58	Khurum	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	22	26.00
59	Independence	6	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	24	37.25
60	Century	5	5	10	1	—	—	2	—	—	11	2	47	55.25
61	Devotion	14	14	14	2	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	43	74.25
62	Hunter	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	21	15.75
63	Dickey	3	5	6	—	—	1	—	—	—	6	1	19	27.25
64	Ionic	13	13	10	—	—	—	1	—	—	10	1	36	62.25
65	Rugby	6	5	4	5	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	28	42.00
U D	Rolla	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	12.00
	Total	392	359	322	82	11	33	104	45	1	415	183	3998	$4101.00

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

Compiled from the returns of May 1st, 1902, Showing Location of Lodges, Addresses of Worshipful Masters, Secretaries, Etc.

LODGE.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.	TIME OF STATED MEETING.
1 Shiloh	Elmer E. Kaufman	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday in each month
2 Pembina	Wilbur C. Short	John L. Carr	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
3 Casselton	H. John Rowe	Chas. E. Stone	Casselton	Cass	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
4 Acacia	Halfdan Bendeke	Ingvald A. Berg	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
5 Bismarck	Henry L. Reade	Wm. F. Cochrane	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays in each month
6 Jamestown	Herbert E. White	Jas. E. Spurling	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
7 Valley City	Thos. N. Ritchie	Geo. A. McFarland	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday evening in each month
8 Mandan	Gilbert B. Furness	Frank E. Murphy	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month
9 Cereal	Wallace W. Heffron	Geo. W. Marsh	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
10 Hillsboro	Thos. Harrison	Duncan Cameron	Hillsboro	Traill	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
11 Crescent	William M. Chandler	Benjamin A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
12 Sheyenne Valley	Albino R. Stone	William M. Jones, Acting	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month
13 Ellendale	Boardman S. Hodges	Fred L. Walker	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
14 Sanborn	Albert A. J. Lang	Charles F. Revell	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3rd Mondays in each month
15 Wahpeton	John J. Hull	Charles A. McKean	Wahpeton	Richland	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
16 North Star	Charles P. Kinney	J. Dexter Pierce	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
17 Minto	John N. Bathgate	Samuel D. Thompson	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
18 Mackey	Stillman E. Brown	William Proctor	LaMoure	LaMoure	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month
19 Goose River	George A. White	Orville D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
20 Hiram	Charles C. Williams	Walter E. Carver	Page	Cass	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
21 Minnewaukan	Charles H. Baker	John F. Henry	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
22 Tongue River	Andrew Robbie	Frank Fairfield	Cavalier	Pembina	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
23 Bathgate	William Robertson	John Thompson	Bathgate	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month
24 Euclid	John M. McMaster	Robert L. Metcalf	Lakota	Nelson	2d and 4th Saturdays in each month
25 Anchor	Henry K. Pennington	Francis W. Vail	Milnor	Sargent	2d and 4th Saturdays in each month
26 Golden Valley	W. Thomas Fallis	E. Reeve Claxton	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3d Tuesdays in each month
27 Occidental	William J. Milligan	Sherman McPherson	Hope	Steele	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
28 Forest River	William J. Glass	William D Dixon	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
29 Hope	Frank W. Waldron	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
30 Temple	Joseph S. Garnett	E. August Rosenquist	St. Thomas	Pembina	2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month
31 Golden Fleece	Frank Argersinger	Walter W. Wilson	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
32 Dickinson	Edwin L. Schofield	W. Fulton Burnett	Dickinson	Stark	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
33 Star in the West	John M. Wilson	Louis A. Larson	Minot	Ward	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
34 Lebanon	John E. Truax	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
35 Hamilton	George McLean	George L. Paxman	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
36 St. Johns	Marshal D. Miller	Robert B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month
37 Fairmount	Charles A. Tuttle	Newton H. Greenman	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings in each month
38 Crystal	Charles K. Wing	Henry S. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
39 Mizpah	James L. Green	H. Frank Fisk	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month

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40 Cando	Harry Lord	George F. Elsberry	Cando	Towner	2d and 4th Tuesday evenings in each month
41 Maple River	August E. Brodtkorb	Hiram H. Cornwall	Edgeley	LaMoure	2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month
42 Reynolds	Alex Austin	Thomas S. Herring	Reynolds	Traill	2d and 4th Mondays in each month
43 Mouse River	George H. Soule	Andrew N. Eidness	Towner	McHenry	1st Thursday in each month
44 Tuscan	Thomas Sims	Andrew A. Brothen	Bottineau	Bottineau	2d and 4th Fridays in each month
45 Northern Light	Oscar L. Purinton	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3rd Friday in each month
46 Evergreen	Alva A. Hall	Eugene H. Cowell	Minnewaukan	Benson	2d and 4th Wednesday evenings in each month
47 Willow	Frank Sims	Robert H. Watson	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursday in each month
48 Milton	John B. Widdes	Frank Briggs	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month
49 Liberty	James C. Harper	Cecil C. Chamberlain	Enderlin	Ransom	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
50 Walhalla	Alonzo McDonald	Alex H. Allen	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
51 Mt. Moriah	Seneca Brownell	Gustave B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
52 Fidelity	Arthur H. Johnson	Thomas F. Newans	Drayton	Pembina	2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month
53 Harmony	John A. Black	John L. Mathews	Lidgerwood	Richland	2d and 4th Wednesdays in each month
54 Welcome	Adolph Wellen	Hans A. Moe	Churches Ferry	Ramsey	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
55 Dacotah	Robert L. Kenney	Byron S. Rice	Mayville	Traill	2d and 4th Tuesday evenings in each month
56 Aurora	Charles E. Tillson	Robert A. Bill	Carrington	Foster	Tuesday on or before each full moon
57 Hankinson	Hans A. Alm	William C. Forman, Jr	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3rd Fridays in each month
58 Khurum	Charles Harshman	J. Carl Rasmussen	Gilby	Grand Forks	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month
59 Independence	George B. Simpson	Fred B. Smith	Leal	Barnes	1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month
60 Century	William E. Biggs	William C. Hayes	New Rockford	Eddy	1st and 3rd Mondays in each month
61 Devotion	Clayton Cox	Aaron Singer	Harvey	Wells	1st Wednesday in each month
62 Hunter	George W. Turner	William C. Gamble	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings in each month
63 Dickey	Charles E. Bobo	Henry D. Bloss	Dickey	LaMoure	1st and 3rd Wednesday eveningsin each month
64 Ionic	Duncan McLean	Thomas H. Prior	Hannah	Cavalier	2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month
65 Rugby	Fred L. Ely	William S. Russell	Rugby	Pierce	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month
66 Rolla	W. J. Hoskins	Ernest F. Foley	Rolla	Rolette	1st and 3rd Tuesdays in each month

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Organized 1889. Prior to That Year It Was Part of the Grand Lodge of Dakota.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	G. SR. WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. Dewitt	Calvin G Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folks	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folks§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folks§	Silas M. Palmer	James S Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist	Thomas J. Wilder**	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West** §	John Davidson**	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder* **	C. T. McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden	C. T. McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **	Edward G. Benke	C. T. McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§ **	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks § (12)	Chas E. Jackson§ (2)	David S. Dodds* § (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herricks § (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5).	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1896	William T Perkins§ (5).	Robert M. Carothers (4).	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13).	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel§ (1	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1901	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos E. Fox (47)	Jas. T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1).
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35).	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1).

*Deceased. §Left the jurisdiction. **With North Dakota.

American Grand Lodges, with Names and Addresses of the Grand Secretaries.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tuscon
British Columbia	W. J. Quinlan	Nelson
California	George Johnson	San Francisco
Canada	John J. Mason	Hamilton
Colorado	William D. Todd	Denver
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	W. A. Wollihin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5 N. Howard St.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, 18 Boylston St., M. T.
Michigan	Jefferson S. Conover	Coldwater
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keene	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau

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Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Warren G. Reynolds	Burlington
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Wheeling
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga

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Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso
Costa Rica	Edmund A. Osborne	San Jose
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana Apartado 72
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy	Dublin
Mexico	Gerardo Rivero	Vera Cruz, P. O. Box 56
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Wellington
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
Porto Rico	J. Albert Nadal	Mayaguez
Scotland	David Murray Lyon	Edinburg
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.
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Western Australia	J D. Stevenson	Perth

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British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento
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Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Charles C Hunter	Havana
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton
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*Kentucky		
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Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston
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New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John
New Hampshire	Edwin Osgood Upham	Keene
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
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Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshal	Annapolis Royal
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Sydney
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee	El Reno
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
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England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	Nicholas Philon	Piraeus
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy	Dublin
Mexico	Gerardo Rivero	Vera Cruz, P. O. Box 56
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New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima
Porto Rico	J. Albert Nadal	Mayaguez
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New Hampshire	Edwin Osgood Upham	Keene
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark
New Mexico		
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North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshal	Annapolis Royal
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Sydney
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee	El Reno
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland
*Pennsylvania		

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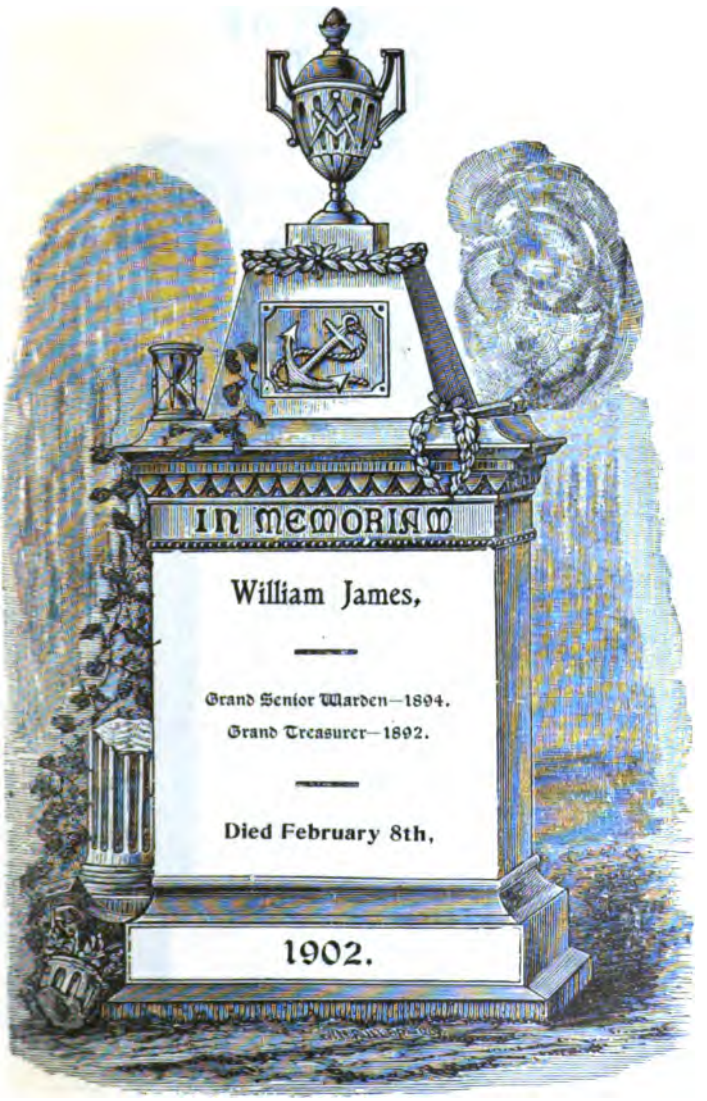
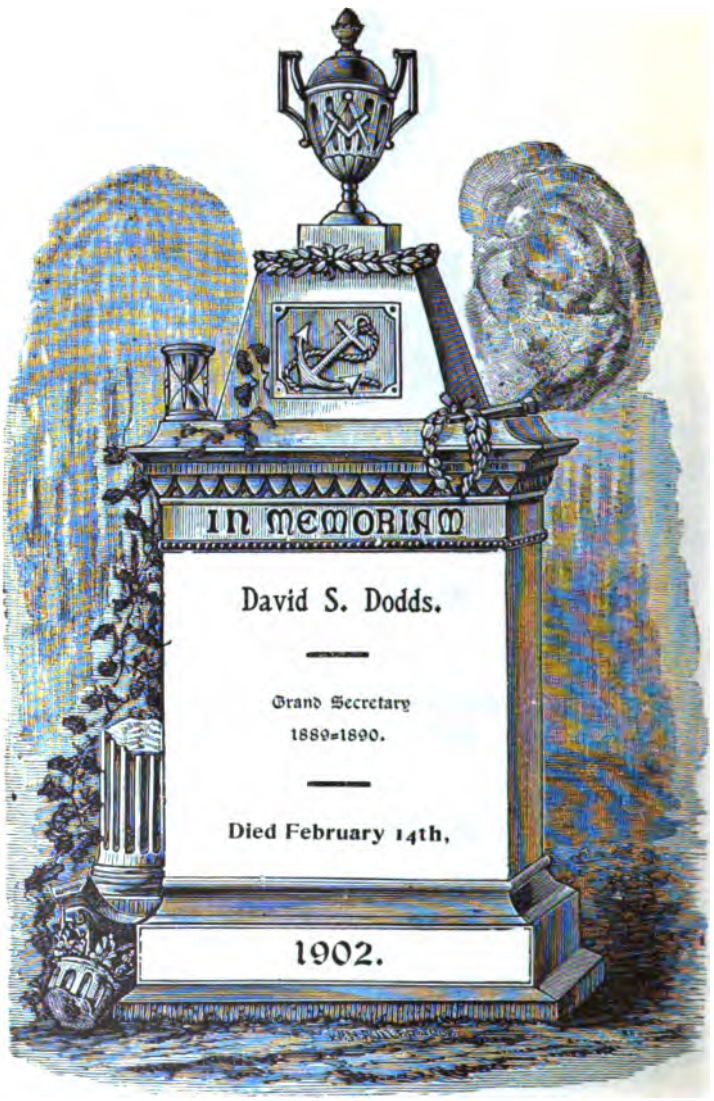
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Hamilton
Washington	John T. Brown	Lisbon
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner
Wyoming		

**Does not exchange representatives.*


IN MEMORIAM
William James,
Grand Senior Warden—1894.
Grand Treasurer—1892.
Died February 8th,
1902.

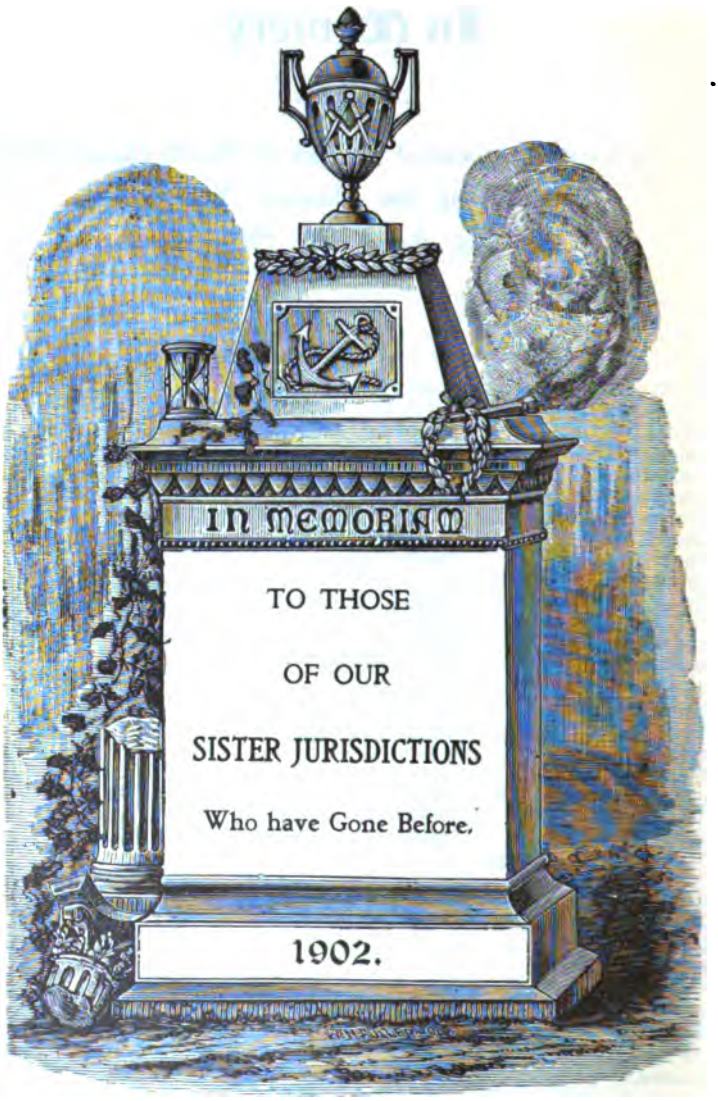

IN MEMORIAM
David S. Dodds.
Grand Secretary
1889-1890.
Died February 14th,
1902.

In Memory

...of the...

Thirty-four Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1902.

LODGE.	NAME.	DATE.
Shiloh No. 1	Carl E. Jurgens	May 23rd, 1901
Shiloh No. 1	John B. Lockhart	Oct. 20th, 1901
Shiloh No. 1	Joel F. Jewett	Aug. 29th, 1901
Shiloh No. 1	Theodore C. Benedict	Jan. 30th, 1902
Pembina No. 2	Charles H. Strong	Nov. 20th. 1899
Pembina No. 2	Timothy Bertrand	No date given
Acacia No. 4	Charles H. Bronson	April 11th, 1902
Acacia No. 4	John C. Gustafson	April 20th, 1902
Bismarck No. 5	Meyer Eppinger	Feb. 13th, 1902
Jamestown No. 6	John M. Olmstead	June, 1901
Valley City No. 7	Russell N. Pray	May 25th, 1901
Valley City No. 7	Morris A. Page	Nov. 8th, 1901
Mandan No. 8	James E. Burke	Jan. 9th, 1902
Cereal No. 9	Eben Young	Sep. 26th, 1901
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Lysander C. Ball	Jan. 17th, 1902
Sanborn No. 14	William B. Ford	Aug. 21st, 1901
Wahpeton No. 15	Jesse R. French	Feb. 10th, 1902
Hiram No. 20	Charles D. Gray	Nov. 13th, 1901
Hiram No. 20	Joseph E. Garwood	April 14th, 1902
Tongue River No. 22	John Mountain	June 10th, 1901
Bathgate No. 23	William James	Feb. 8th. 1902
Euclid No. 24	David S. Dodds	Feb. 14th, 1902
Golden Valley No. 26	Charles S. Stranahan	Nov. 20th, 1901
Temple No. 30	Alexander Stewart	May 19th, 1901
Golden Fleece No. 31	Edward J. Ashley	Oct. 5th. 1901
Hamilton No. 35	Adam Winlaw	March 8th, 1902
Mouse River No. 43	Alfred B. House	Feb. 17th, 1902
Evergreen No. 46	John McCormick	July 5th, 1901
Willow No. 47	William S. Morden	May 30th, 1901
Walhalla No. 50	John B. Hurley	Jan. 18th, 1902
Walhalla No. 50	John J. Hurley	Jan. 23rd, 1902
Mt. Moriah No. 51	James W. Truax	April 18th, 1902
Aurora No. 56	Charles H. Davidson	Sep. 22nd, 1901
Dickey No. 63	Jefferson Smith	Aug. 15th, 1901


IN MEMORIAM
TO THOSE
OF OUR
SISTER JURISDICTIONS
Who have Gone Before.
1902.

Correspondence Report

...BY...

Robert M. Carothers, P. G. M.

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GRAND FORKS, N. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, DEC. 3-4, 1901

Eighty-first annual grand communication. Two hundred and eighty-eight lodges were represented.

Eleven special communications of the Grand Lodges were held during the year, three for the purpose of burying Grand or Past Grand officers and eight to lay corner stones.

Alabama evidently believes in building "on the square."

On August 6, 1901, Grand Master Cunningham appointed and commissioned Bro. E. S. Flint of Casselton, N. D., as representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama near this Grand Lodge.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of an even dozen new lodges.

Ninety-one decisions were handed down, all but one of which were approved by the Grand Lodge. Many of these decisions are constructions of the constitutional provisions of that Grand Lodge and are of little interest to the craft at large, but we feel called upon to dissent from the doctrine laid down in some of the decisions which are general in their application.

The Grand Master says, "A candidate for the degrees of Masonry who cannot read and write is not ineligible for that reason." He should be. We refuse membership to a good man who has by accident lost a finger, a foot or a hand, yet the Grand Lodge of Alabama has declared that one may voluntarily close his mind to written language and remain good Masonic timber. High scholarship is not required, nor should it be, for not all men have the opportunity of acquiring it; but he who in this day and age, with every chance of learning, has not enough interest in himself and his kind to lead him to learn to read and write, presents a very barren field for the lessons of Masonry. Masonry has ever stood for freedom from ignorance, and until one is able to put himself in touch with the teachings of the Order, to be found on the printed page, he should be denied membership.

Again, if a Warden "willfully refuses to serve the lodge in his official capacity as Warden, giving his reason that he has changed his views on Masonry and has made up his mind to quit the Order, or any other reason, except an unavoidable one, he is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be tried, and if found guilty expelled."

We think not. Membership in Masonry is sought because of a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, freely and voluntarily, and without solicitation on the part of those already members. There are honest people who are opposed to all secret organizations as a matter of conscience. Our opinions and beliefs are subject to change, and if a member of our Order becomes convinced that by remaining such he violates his conscience, it is his duty to retire from the Order, and he has the right so to do, without being declared to be guilty of a Masonic offense and without being subjected to a trial. If he is honest, the Order has nothing to fear; if untrue, nothing to gain. Freely he came, freely he has a right to depart, and should carry with him the respect of his fellows.

Yet again, "The fact of disfranchisement by being convicted for crime does not make a candidate ineligible for the degree of Masonry."

Possibly not, but the lodge that would make a Mason of such an one should be disfranchised, Masonically.

The charters of eight lodges were forfeited for the reason that no returns were made for two years. There are 389 lodges (1901) in the jurisdiction, with 12,782 members.

Raised during the year, 1029; died, 269.

Report on correspondence by Bro. Wm. Y. Titcomb.

Grand Master—R. M. Cunningham.

Grand Secretary—Geo. A. Beauchamp.

Next annual communication to be held Dec. 2, 1902, at Montgomery, Alabama.

ARIZONA.

The twentieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was held at Prescott, November 12-14, 1901.

Past Masters were very much in evidence, there being present twenty-three eight Past Grand Masters and twenty-three Past Masters. Fifteen lodges were represented.

In his address the Grand Master says, "The past year has been a most prosperous one for Masonry throughout this territory, our reports for the past year showing an increase of 111 members, finances good and all lodges working harmoniously."

He reports sixteen deaths in the jurisdiction.

A number of decisions were rendered during the year. All questions presented are such as are frequently met with and the holdings of the Grand Master are, we believe, sound.

An interesting address on "The Reformer in Freemasonry" was delivered by the Grand Orator, in which he pays attention to reformers with and without zeal, and concludes as follows: "Let us not be dazzled by tinsel, nor misled by pomp, but cheerfully bestow the laurel of approbation upon those who, without ostentation and pride, hold their brethren together in harmony by their discreetly zealous endeavors to reform Freemasonry so that it shall attune with its pristine principles."

Lodges, 15; U. D., 2; members, 939.

Cash balance in treasury, $5084.90.

The report on correspondence, 162 pages, is written by Bro. Chas D. Belden.

Grand Master—John D. Sweeney.

Grand Secretary—Geo. J. Roskruge.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, NOV. 20-21, 1901.

Sixtieth regular communication.

Delegates and representatives were enrolled to the number of 404, representing 361 out of 446 lodges on the register.

This Grand Lodge was called upon to mourn the death of its Grand Master Robert M. Smith, who lost his life in the Galveston flood.

One decision of interest is reported.

No. 1 Question—A and B have a difficulty, and B prefers charges against A. Shall the committee to which such charges preferred [referred] investigate the same as to A only, or against both, if the evidence warrants?

Answer—The committee appointed to investigate the charges against A would have a perfect right, and, indeed, it would be its duty, to prefer charges against B if it found upon investigation that he was deserving of discipline. The committee might even report no grounds for charges against A and at the same time prefer counter charges against B. The committee is appointed to take charge of the interests of the lodge and should endeavor to see that justice is done.

The Grand Lodge participated in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the new state capitol building.

We are pleased to notice the name of our classmate, Judge F. D. Fulkerson, University of Michigan, law '89, as a member of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage answering the question, "What shall be done with a member of a lodge who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors?" reported as follows:

That on examination of the edicts we find the law sufficient to answer that question, but apprehend the difficulty to be a want of enforcement or a disinclination to disturb the relations of those who are already in the lodge. In order to make the law so plain that he who runs may read, we recommend:

1. That no man who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be made a Mason by any of the lodges in this grand jurisdiction.

2. That all subordinate lodges within this grand jurisdiction be required to drop from their rolls every member who is in any way engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors: provided, that whenever such persons shall discontinue such business, they may upon application to the lodge from whose rolls they were dropped be restored by a two thirds vote to all such rights and privileges.

3. That by the term "intoxicating liquors" is meant all vinous, malt, spiritous liquors, or any compound thereof, commonly called tonics or bitters, and shall include native wines.

The recommendations were adopted. The statement that the law is sufficient deprives Section 2 from any retroactive character, and the recommendation to drop from the rolls must be on the theory that liquor dealers have no standing as Masons.

Our representative, Bro. J. S. Westerfield, was present.

Bro. Frank Hill is chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, but we find no review of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions, for the reason that they have been discontinued "until the temple debt is paid or disposed of, and until again ordered by the Grand Lodge."

We hope the order will soon be made.

Grand Master—Harry H. Myers.

Grand Secretary—Fay Hempstead.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Oct. 8-12, 1901.

Fifty-second annual communication.

Besides the Grand Officers and the representatives of two hundred and fifty lodges, twelve P. G. M.'s were present.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, with music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, after which the Grand Master delivered his annual address.

After a brief review of the progress made during the century just closed he says:

"We Americans are perhaps in too much of a hurry. We refuse to time our trips across the continent and our ocean voyages by weeks, or even days, but insist upon computing time in hours and minutes only. * * * We seem to think there is not time enough to go around. * * *

"While we are preparing our battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats for possible enemies and enlarging our standing army for war, we, as a people, must not forget that our greatest foes are within the confines of our own country; that intemperance, idleness, vice and crime are doing more to destroy our people than we need fear from any foreign foe. These enemies are right in our midst and are well fortified. The greatest need of this country today is men of personal worth and stability, men who will do their duty by participating in public affairs, and who will not be swayed from truth and right, but will see to it that justice is not perverted.

"God give us men; a time like this demands
Strong minds, great hearts true faith and ready hands.
Men whom the lust of office does not kill,
Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy,
Men who will obey the people's will,
Men who have honor, men who will not lie,
Men who can stand before a demagogue
And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking.
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog
In public duty and in private thinking!"

During the year eight special communications were held, all for the purpose of laying corner stones.

Seventeen decisions are reported, most or all of which have to do with the laws of the Grand Lodge of California, and must, of course, be viewed in the light thereof.

The report on correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master Wm. A. Davies.

In reviewing this Grand Lodge the report of Bro. William C. Treumann, Master of our Military Lodge in the Philippines, is given in full. North Dakota Masons will long remember the kind treatment our Brethren of the army received at the hands of their Brethren in California.

An excellent address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. John A. Hosmer. He closes with this quotation: "Let us endow Masonry with those principles, thoughts and actions fitted to its capacity for good. Let us arm it with the sword of truth, the bow of virtue, the breast plate of temperance and the robe of purity. Let us guard it and watch over it that no vice or crime pollute it, so that in infancy and age, while commanding the reverence of all, its influence may afford a perfect illustration in the lives and examples of its votaries of its fitness still to improve and dignify the world of mankind."

Number of lodges, 340; U. D., 2.

Master Masons, July 31, 1901, 22,776.

Net gain during year, 1,197.

Grand Master—William S. Wells.

Grand Secretary—George Johnson.

Next annual communication will be held October 14, 1902, at San Francisco.

COLORADO.

DENVER, SEPT. 17-18, 1901.

Forty-first annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, 21 Past Grand Masters, delegates from 43 lodges and the representatives of 50 other Grand Lodges, Bro. Horace T. DeLong representing this Grand Lodge.

The grand representatives were called to the east, received with grand honors and welcomed by the Grand Master, a courteous as well as fraternal thing to do.

Among the fourteen decisions of the Grand Master we note the following, with approval:

3. A petition cannot be held over for the purpose of bringing the candidate within the law requiring twelve months' residence; that residence must have accrued before the petition can be legally received.

4. Any Mason in good standing may present charges against another Mason for unmasonic conduct, notwithstanding the acts complained of were alleged to have occurred prior to the accuser's affiliation with the lodge.

It is held by the Grand Master that a dimit must be ordered by a majority vote of the lodge. We presume he means a majority vote of the members present. With us a dimit issues as a matter of course where the applicant therefor is clear on the books and no charges have been preferred, which we think is the better practice. We are glad to see that Colorado has adopted the same practice.

From an admirable address by the Grand Orator on "Brotherhood," we quote the closing sentences:

"Words whose author is forgotten come back to us, and these simple words embrace much that is desirable in brotherhood:

"Too many Gods,
Too many creeds,
Too many ways
That wind and wind.
While all that this
World needs is
Just the art of being kind!

"Who needs this brotherhood? The young man whose pathway i life is bediamoned with the dew of youth and hope and strewn with th roses of ambition, needs it. The middle aged man whose pathway ha become barren and whose roses are turned to ashes by the scorching hea of struggle and disappointment, needs it. The aged man, on whose hea has fallen the snows that never melt, needs it.

"If we do these things, we may walk down to and through the Va ley of the Shadow fearing no evil and putting aside the veil which sepa rates the visible from the invisible, we shall stand with our Suprem Grand Master in the land beyond the beautiful sunset.

Grand Master—Geo. D. Kennedy.

Grand Secretary—Wm. D. Todd.

CONNECTICUT.

HARTFORD, JANUARY 15–16, 1902.

One hundred and fourteenth annual communication.

One hundred and ten lodges represented.

Connecticut Masons are to all appearances, at least, a well informe lot of men, for the Grand Master has not, as far as his address show been called upon to make any decisions. Referring to the use of th term "Masonic" by business enterprises, he quotes Past Grand Maste Kies (Conn., 1898) as follows:

"I note with regret an increasing tendency to connect the ter "Masonic" with business enterprises which are conducted by Masons. refer more particularly to mutual benefit associations. I believe that th use of the word "Masonic" in such connection is a violation of the spiri if not the letter, of Section 29 of the General Regulations of this Gran Lodge, which prohibits Masonic advertising. These organizations, whi independent of the craft in general, so far as the management of the affairs is concerned, are practically conducting business under the auspic of Masonry. Even though most of them are co-operative, this does n alter the fact that they are in reality trading upon the name of the inst tution. Worse than this, when matters go amiss in any of these associ tions, the fraternity at large is wrongfully held responsible in the eyes the profane."

At the recommendation of the Grand Master, the following amen ment to the General Regulations was adopted: "The use of the wo Masonic or of any other word relating to Free and Accepted Masonry i connection with any business or secular matter be and the same is here expressly prohibited."

We would rejoice to see every Grand Lodge pass the same resol tion. Some of the associations above referred to have been well and ho

estly conducted, yet in spite of that, misfortune has come to them to the discredit of the craft.

Of one thing we are persuaded—that regardless of the methods of conducting the associations, the term "Masonic" is used to catch and draw business, and the good name of the fraternity is used as stock in trade.

It is within the power of the Grand Lodges to remedy the evil, and we hope they will not be too slow about doing so.

The representative of this Grand Lodge was not reported present.

Grand Master—Arthur C. Wheeler.

Grand Secretary—John H. Barlow.

The report on corrrespondence was presented by Bro. J. H. Barlow.

DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON, OCT. 2-3, 1901.

Ninety-fifth annual communication.

As the report of the Committee on Credentials is not published in the proceedings, it is impossible to tell how many lodges were represented, unless we are to presume that no lodges were not. That is a pleasant presumption, to say the least.

We regret that the name of the representative of this Grand Lodge is not to be found among those present.

It may be of interest to our brethren of Delaware to know that their representative near us, Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, is now our Grand Master.

Among his decisions the Grand Master held that "a candidate, having been elected in a lodge and being temporarily located in another jurisdiction, could not receive his first degree in another lodge."

The committee recommended that the decision "be not approved, for the reason that it has been a universal and Masonic custom with all jurisdictions to confer the degrees upon a non-resident candidate when properly requested by the lodge in which he was elected."

The report of the committee was not adopted and the Grand Master was sustained.

We confess we think the committee has the best of the argument.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Lewis H. Jackson.

Grand Master—Geo. M. Jones.

Grand Secretary—Benjamin F. Bartram.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 4-7, 1901.

Ninety-first annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, representatives from twenty-six lodges, eleven Past Grand Masters, four other past grand officers and one hundred and thirty-eight Past Masters.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, after which the Grand Master, Harry Standiford, made his address.

The decisions rendered and dispensations granted are such as fall to the lot of every Grand Master, and are of no especial interest outside the particular jurisdiction.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from $500 to $1200.

Several special communications were held during the year.

Bro. A. D. Flemington, of Ellendale, was commissioned as the representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia near this Grand Lodge.

Lodges, 26; members, 6257; gain, 369.

Report on correspondence was presented by Bro. G. W. Baird.

Grand Master—Malcom Seaton.

Grand Secretary—Arvine W. Johnston.

FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, JAN. 21-23, 1902.

Seventy-third annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, a number of Past Grand Officers, delegates from 132 lodges and representatives of 36 other Grand Lodges.

No representative for North Dakota was present.

The address of the Grand Master is good, very good, indeed, and we wish it could be read by the craft at large.

The communication of 1901 passed a resolution forbidding the accepting of petitions from those engaged in the liquor business and making it a Masonic crime for Masons to enter that business.

This Grand Lodge has enacted like provisions.

Nearly all the decisions submitted by the Grand Master had to do with this resolution, and we fully agree with all his answers.

As to dispensations, he says: "Numerous requests for dispensations have been refused during the year. Some of the brethren seem to

think that any Grand Master who would let a small matter as the loss of a leg, an arm, or even a black ballot or two, weigh against their personal request for a dispensation to proceed in spite of these things, is a despot whose case must be attended to at the next annual communication."

With us, Bro. Carnell, Grand Masters are not re-elected, so the disgruntled get no chance at us.

On the matter of non-affiliates, some very wise suggestions are made.

"May not some of the fault that the number of non-affiliates is so large be laid at the door of our lodges? A dilapidated hall, dirty, uncarpeted floor, broken windows, a corp of incompetent or indifferent officers, blundering through our beautiful ritualistic work—this combination is not calculated to draw men together, and it is not greatly to be wondered at that some—pretty good men, too—withdraw from such association. * * * Instead of adopting drastic regulations, suppose we first try to make our lodges attractive—good, nice carpets on the floor, pictures on the walls, elect officers who have some acquaintance with English grammar and knowledge of rhetoric, who can impart the ritual in an impressive manner, cultivate the social virtues, make it pleasant for the brethren to attend."

The Grand Master pays his respects to the lodge politician thus:

"Political methods in a Masonic lodge, either grand or subordinate, in connection with the election of its officers, ought to be rebuked as unworthy the dignified character of this time honored institution. * * *

"It is the welfare of the craft at large, and not who would like to be honored, that should guide us."

The Grand Orator delivered an excellent address on the principles of the order

Report on correspondence was presented by P. G. M. Silas B. Wright.

Grand Master—James Carnell.

Grand Secretary—W. P. Webster.

GEORGIA.

MACON, OCT. 29-31, 1901.

One hundred and fifteenth annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Officers, representatives from 433 lodges, 109 Past Masters and 37 representatives of other Grand Lodges, Bro. B. H. Patterson representing North Dakota.

The Grand Master says: "During the year I have answered some five hundred questions pertaining to Masonic law."

Twenty-three of his decisions are reported to the Grand Lodge. among which we find the following:

15. An applicant for advancement cannot be balloted for at a regular communication before examination as to his proficiency, and then examined at a subsequent communication. The examination must be had at a regular communication and before ballot.

In all, 121 dispensations were granted.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that a fee of two dollars and a half be charged for all degrees conferred out of time was adopted.

District deputies were abolished because of their "very little practical value to Masonry."

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. A. A. Moody.

Grand Master—Max Meyerhardt.

Grand Secretary—W. A. Wolihin.

IDAHO.

BOISE, SEPTEMBER 10-13, 1901.

Thirty-fourth annual communication.

Present—Including grand and past grand officers and representatives from particular lodges, sixty-two. Nineteen sister Grand Lodges were represented.

During the year the Grand Lodge was convened to attend the funeral of its Grand Master.

A resolution requiring a secret appointment of Committees on Character was lost.

A resolution calling for the preparation of cipher copies of the work. the Masters of lodges to be sole custodians in the particular lodges, was tabled.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Fred G. Mock.

Grand Master—David C. Chase.

Grand Secretary—Theophilus W. Randall.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, OCT. 1-3.

Sixty-second annual communication.

Present—962, including Bro. Geo. W. Warville, the representative of this Grand Lodge.

Little more than routine business of purely local interest seems to have come before the Grand Lodge at this time. The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. V. M. Blanding, seems to have taken a more philosophic turn than is usual with such addresses, but that has made it none the less interesting or instructive. As the key of the address we quote one paragraph :

"This annual communication, comprising the representatives of more than seven hundred Masonic lodges within the jurisdiction of the Illinois Grand Lodge alone, affords not only an opportunity to commend your labors as a deliberative body, but renders it appropriate on my part to make some practical application to the Masonic mind and conscience of the nature and requirements of the great underlying truths on which the superstructure of Masonic fraternity is builded and securely rests. Among these may be specially indicated :

"Belief and trust in God.

"Personal honor and uprightness of character.

"Altruistic respect for woman in the duality of her relations to man.

"Childhood's home and the proper care of helpless orphans."

All of these ideas were thoughtfully elaborated.

The report on correspondence was presented by Joseph Robbins.

Grand Master—George M. Moulton.

Grand Secretary—J. H. C. Dill.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 27-28, 1902.

Eighty-first meeting.

Present—The Grand Officers, 14 Past Grand Masters and the representatives of 502 of the 503 chartered lodges. But one chartered lodge in the state not represented. That's a record to be proud of.

During the year the Grand Master laid six corner stones, constituted seven lodges and granted dispensations for eight others.

A great amount of the business transacted by the Grand Lodge was on account of the Committees on Grievances and Appeals and Charters and Dispensations.

Clandestine lodges in Ohio have been of great annoyance to the Masons of Indiana.

The Special Committee on the Codification of the Laws reported a code which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which committee was given a year within which to report.

The Special Committee on ritual presented a report recommending the adoption of a certain ritual. The recommendation was not concurred in.

The report on correspondence was presented by Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald.

Grand Master—James W. Dunbar.

Grand Secretary—Calvin W. Prather.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

DURANT, AUG. 13-14, 1901.

Twenty-eighth annual communication.

Besides the Grand and Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and members of committees, there were present representatives of 94 lodges.

The Grand Master reports "that Freemasonry has prospered remarkably in this jurisdiction during the past year. Work has been abundant and lodges have grown stronger in numbers and finances."

Among others the following decision was rendered and approved:

4. Will the objection to the initiation of a candidate privately made to the Worshipful Master before the ballot is taken be equal to a rejection?

Answer—It will not. Objection to the initiation of a candidate can only be made after he has been elected to receive the degrees. The objecting brother has the right, and it is his duty, to inform the Committee on Character of any reason why the petitioner should not be made a Mason, and he has a second opportunity to express himself when the ballot is spread, leaving the objection as a last resort, should he be unable to express himself in the other two.

The Grand Lodge was treated to two interesting addresses, one by the Grand Orator, Bro. P. D. Brewer, on "Masonry and its Mission," the other by Grand Master Furman on "The Wages of a Mason."

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. J. S. Murrow.

Grand Master—Henry M. Furman.

Grand Secretary—Jos. S. Murrow.

IOWA.

DAVENPORT, JUNE, 4 6, 1901.

Fifty-Eighth annual communication. Present—the Grand officers and 564 delegates representing 444 of the 489 lodges. Total attendance 602.

For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary was not at his post. The illness that resulted in his death prevented the venerable Theodore S. Parvin from attending the communication.

The Grand Lodge did itself the honor of sending a committee to personally convey to their patriarch, and ours, their resolutions of respect.

In reference to the use of the blackball the Grand Master says:

I cannot refrain from denouncing in the most vigorous terms the use of the blackball for the sole purpose of venting private spleen and carrying out individual revenges. There frequently creeps into this fold, like that of every other of its kind and character, men who have little conception of its exalted mission; men who become members from selfish purposes. We cannot guard our portals too carefully. The absolute right to cast a secret ballot is a landmark of this fraternity, but the right ought never to be exercised through unworthy or unmasonic motives.

The Grand Tyler was instructed to purchase a United States flag, such flag to be carried at the head of the lines in all public processions and to be displayed in the East at all sessions of the Grand Lodge. A good example to follow.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa also "looks with disfavor on the use of the word 'Masonic' in connection with all business enterprises, extrinsic of the business management of the order and its property."

The proceedings are adorned with the pictures of a large number of prominent Masons.

The report on correspondence is signed by J. C. W. Coxe and is the product of a master indeed.

Grand Master—Lewis J. Baker.
Grand Secretary—Newton R. Parvin.

KANSAS.

FORT SCOTT, FEBRUARY, 19-20, 1902.

Forty-Sixth annual communication.

Present—Including officers, representatives of 266 lodges and others, 469.

North Dakota being represented by M. W. Henry C. Loomis.

Among the approved decisions are found the following:

1. Who should bear the expense of preparing the record of a case on appeal? Answer. The appellant, entirely.

2. Has a member the right to interpose an objection to the advancement of a F. C. brother after the lodge has passed a resolution requesting another lodge to confer the third degree upon him, and before the degree is conferred? Answer. Yes.

4. Is it lawful for the members of a lodge to form a "Masonic dancing club," so-called, and to use the lodge room for dancing, inviting outsiders? Answer. No, because likely to introduce a subject of contention (see ancient charges.)

A most excellent address on "The Idea of God in Masonry" was delivered by Rev. Bro John Y. Ewart.

Such addresses are entitled to a wider circulation than falls to their lot. While we revere the older writers on Masonic subjects, we feel that the progressiveness of the craft in separate Grand Jurisdictions is in a large degree due to the inspiring and well considered addresses made from year to year. If the work of these writers were to become a part of the general literature of the order much good would result. Is it too much to say that we have now with us students and thinkers the peers of those who are gone?

In the proceedings are found the portraits and sketches of a number of Past Grand Masters.

The report on correspondence is by the hand and brain of P. G. M. Wm. M. Shaver and is a model for those of us who are novices at the reviewing business.

Grand Master—Thomas E. Dewey.

Grand Secretary—Albert K. Wilson.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, OCTOBER, 15-17, 1901.

One Hundred and First annual communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, after which the Grand Master delivered his address.

Fifteen decisions are reported with the most of which we fully agree.

3. A Secretary was elected in 1899, and was re-elected in 1900. After the day of his election, but before he was installed, he asked for a demit from his lodge, he having moved out of the jurisdiction. The lodge asked for a dispensation to hold a special election for the purpose of electing another Secretary. Held: That the Secretary could not be granted a demit, nor could he resign his office; that the Grand Master had no authority to grant dispensation to hold a special election.

We dissent. An elective officer can refuse to serve. He may be unable to prevent his election, but the lodge cannot compel him to be installed. neither can a lodge compel an officer to serve a second term.

Had the brother permitted himself to be installed a second time we would concur in the above decision.

We are also of the opinion that the decision is in conflict with Decision 15. "An officer must be installed on or before the next stated meeting of the lodge, and the failure to be installed at such meeting after his election forfeits his right to the office, unless the time of installation be extended."

Does not this decision apply to officers re-elected? A re-elected officer need not be re-installed if he accepts the office, but this is only a matter of custom; he could be, and would be if any brother insisted.

12. The committee reports favorably on a petition for initiation. Before the ballot a member in open lodge gave his reason why the candidate should not be elected, and by unanimous consent of the lodge the petition was withdrawn and the lodge waived its jurisdiction of the candidate, and he petitioned another lodge (not the next nearest) for initiation. The holding of the Grand Master was as to jurisdiction of the several lodges. On that point we raise no issue. With us in North Dakota the petition could not have been withdrawn. It could have been disposed of only by a ballot. If the applicant was not fit to be elected where he first petitioned, it was the duty of that lodge to say so and not allow the petition to be withdrawn.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. H. B. Grant, is preparing a Masonic History of Kentucky, of which 112 pages are published.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. James W Staton. The 1901 proceedings of this Grand Lodge failed to reach him in time for review.

Grand Master—Harry Bailey.
Grand Secretary—H. B. Grant.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, FEBRUARY, 10-12, 1902.

Nineteenth annual communication.

Seventy-four lodges and a quorum being present the M. W. Grand Master, Robert H. Cage, declared the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons for the State of Louisiana ready for business.

This Grand Lodge holds with the utmost strictness the doctrine in opposition to "joint occupancy" of halls. So much so that the Committee on Law and Jurisprudence reported as follows: There is absolutely no reason why the well established policy of this Grand Lodge should be relaxed in favor of the Chapter of the Eastern Star.

A substitute for the above was adopted to the effect that "it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that justice and the good of the Order require that this law be relaxed," and the particular lodges were left free to use their own judgment in the matter.

The representative of North Dakota was present.

Bro. H. C. Duncan presented the report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Robert R. Reid.
Grand Secretary—Richard Lambert.

MAINE.

PORTLAND, MAY, 7-9, 1901.

Eighty-Second annual communication.

Present—251 delegates from 190 of 195 chartered lodges, the Grand Officers, 36 Past Grand Officers and the representatives of forty-eight other Grand Lodges. Of the latter, P. G. M. Josiah H. Drummond represented eight.

Bro. Algernon M. Roak represented North Dakota.

In his address the Grand Master gives some very interesting history of the growth of Masonry in this country during the Nineteenth century. "At the close of the eighteenth century there were fourteen Grand Lodges in existence in the United States. All of the original thirteen states of the Union, except Delaware, had organized a Grand Lodge: these, with Vermont and Kentucky, made up the fourteen." Then follows a list of the Grand Lodges now existing, with the dates of their formation.

"The fourteen Grand Jurisdictions which were in existence at the beginning of the century now have a membership of 322,259. Those organized during the century have a membership of 476,961."

Concerning the "condition of the craft" in Maine the Grand Master calls attention to the fact that the total membersp is 22,690, a gain of 413 during the year.

"The number rejected is 240, showing that the lodges are carefully considering the fitness of candidates."

Continuing he says: "The reports show that 1 has been suspended: 2 expelled; 268 suspended from membership and 25 deprived from membership, a total of 296 against 279 in 1900.

"While this condition is most encouraging, I would again call your attention to the large number of brethren who have been deprived of the benefits of the order on account of their failure to comply with the rules and regulations established for our government, and would urge upon all lodges the exercise of the utmost care, before the admission of new mem-

bers: quality, not quantity, should be the rule by which we should be guided."

Dispensations were granted as follows: For elections, 3; to occupy halls temporarily, 8; to receive and ballot on applications at same meeting, 3; to receive application on less than a year's residence 5; to attend divine service 15.

Among the decisions we find these:

"A waiver of jurisdiction is granted and application made and candidate accepted; he failes to take his degrees during the year and then makes a second application to the same lodge; is it necessary to get a second waiver of jurisdiction?

Answer—No, not if the candidate is still under the jurisdiction of the lodge granting the waiver. If at the time of the second application the candidate is under the jurisdiction of a lodge other than the one granting the waiver this decision will not apply.

In 1857 a candidate took the first and second degrees, but for personal reasons and on account of absence from this state he had not taken the third; in 1900 he returned to this state and desires to be made a Master Mason in the same lodge that conferred the first and second degrees. Can he do so?

Answer. Yes, there is no limitation of time within which the second or third degrees must be taken. Although the residence of the candidate may be now outside of this jurisdiction, the fact that the lodge in Maine conferred the first and second degrees, gives it jurisdiction to complete the work."

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized and the Grand Master was authorized to exchange representatives.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented an interesting report on a point of more than local interest. A Mason from Maine, sick and destitute, applied for relief in California; in response to a telegram the Maine lodge authorized assistance to the amount of $15; later California wired "Bro. D. died last night, destitute. Shall we bury at your expense? Cost about sixty dollars—answer." To this the Maine lodge replied. "Do not see how we can assist in Bro. D's. case."

The Grand Master of California then sent to the Grand Master of Maine a bill for the amounts paid by the western lodge, with the request that he would "see that this amount is refunded." P. G. M. Drummond for the Committee says: "This Grand Lodge has already often decided that Masonic charity can neither be bought nor sold. It has repudiated the modern invention, that when a man becomes a Mason he buys the right to be relieved to the full extent of his wants when in distress, even to his full support. It still requires candidates to declare in their petition for admission that they are 'uninfluenced by mercenary motives.' It holds that when a Mason joins a lodge, he does not increase or change his

right to relief in distress. The lodge is in this respect an association c brethren, and is bound by the same principles as the individual brothe It maintains the ancient doctrine, that a Mason's right of relief grow out of his being a Mason, and is limited not only by the extent of his di tress but also by the ability of his brother, of which such brother is th sole judge under his Masonic obligations. It finds nowhere in ancie usage or laws any warrant for the modern doctrine held to by a few, tha one brother can determine the ability of another and relieve distress i his name and on his account without his consent, and even—as in th case—against his protest. It follows that Masonic charity creates r pecuniary debt, either upon the part of the brother relieved or any or else."

The logic of the above is sound, and if the doctrine received mo general acceptance it would be much better for the craft at large.

A portrait of Bro. Drummond adorns the printed proceedings.

Grand Master—Alfred S. Kimball.
Grand Secretary—Stephen Berry.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond.

MARYLAND.

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 19-20, 1901.

One Hundred and Fifteenth annual communication

Present—Officers, representatives from 102 lodges, and of 40 siste Grand Lodges. North Dakota not represented.

No decisions are reported.

The proceedings disclose nothing of particular interest to the cra at large, the time of the Grand Lodge having been occupied solely wit routine business, or matters of purely local interest.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Edward T Schultz.

On February 27, 1901, the Grand Lodge met in extra session to cel brate the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryoc who has for sixteen years been the Grand Master. A magnificent jew was presented him.

Grand Master—Thomas J. Shryock.
Grand Secretary—Jacob H. Medairy.

MICHIGAN.

MUSKEGON, JANUARY 28-29, 1902.

Fifty-Eighth annual communication.

Present—Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Representatives c Lodges and Grand Representatives, in all 459.

During the year six corner stones were laid by the Grand Lodge, and the halls of four lodges were destroyed by fire. Among the eight decisions we find the following:

1. In order to have the work out of the way for a banquet, the Master called the lodge to meet at 5 p. m. instead of 7 p. m., as given by the by-laws; would the meeting be a regular or special one? Answer. A meeting of your lodge held at 5 p. m., would be special. No regular business can be transacted at that time without changing your by-laws.

Much business of local interest was transacted.

No report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Neil McMillan.
Grand Secretary—Jefferson S. Conover.

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, JANUARY 22-23, 1902.

Forty-Ninth annual communication.

Present—Including Grand Officers and Representatives from 216 out of 221 lodges, 471.

North Dakota was not represented.

From the five decisions of the Grand Master we select the following:

2. Is the report of a committee on the petition of a candidate to be read in full or only the conclusions of the Committeee given? Answer. The lodge is entitled to the full report.

Dispensations were granted for seven new lodges.

The "reciprocity of jurisdiction" resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and by us sent to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was not concurred in.

The Committee on Jurisprudence having reported that a person engaged as a wholesale liquor dealer was eligible to be made a Mason "if otherwise qualified," the following substitute was proposed and adopted: "Resolved, That no person who is engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, is eligible to receive the degrees of Masonry, or for membership in a Masonic lodge."

Preparation has been made for the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of the Grand Lodge at the 1903 communication.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report on correspondence.

Grand Master—A. D. Countryman.
Grand Secretary—Thos. Montgomery.

MISSISSIPPI.

OXFORD, FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 1 1901.

Eighty Third annual communication.

Present—The Grand and Past Grand Officers and Representatives of 249 lodges.

The Grand Master reports having made no decisions, but in the report of the Law Committee we find many interesting questions discussed at great length.

During the year three Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge died.

Eight special communications were held for various purposes.

Bro. A. H. Barkley presented the report on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master—O. L. McKay.
Grand Secretary—J. L. Power.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, OCTOBER 15-17, 1901.

Eighty-First annual communication.

Present—Twenty Grand Lodge Officers, 16 Past Grand Masters, 21 Grand Representatives, 149 Past Masters, 33 District Deputy Grand Masters, 9 District Deputy Lecturers and the representatives of 357 lodges.

Ten corner stones were laid by the Grand Lodge, during the year, seven of these by the Grand Master personally.

Twenty-two decisions are reported, six having to do with physical qualifications. In several the use of artificial hands (left) or feet is held not to disqualify.

From the general decisions we quote:

1. Question—If a brother comes into my office and I question him and satisfy myself that he is a Mason, can I vouch for him being a Mason so that he can sit in open lodge without further examination?

Answer—You cannot, unless you were designated for that purpose by the Worshipful Master of the lodge to be visited. If such an examination, without official authorization, were sufficient to enable you to vouch for a brother, it would necessarily follow that brethren, totally unqualified, might examine visitors at their homes or offices and vouch for them when they would be unable to prove themselves as Masons, if properly examined.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. John D. Vincil.

Grand Master—Joseph C. Finagin.
Grand Secretary—John D. Vincil.

MONTANA.

HELENA, SEPTEMBER 18-19, 1901.

Thirty-Seventh annual communication.

Forty-five of the 47 lodges were represented and the whole number present at this session of the Grand Lodge was 148.

North Dakota's representative, Bro. E. D. Neill, was also present.

Six decisions are reported, but they contain nothing of general interest.

Bro. Cornelius Hedges presented his thirty-first report on Fraternal Correspondence, and a mighty good report it is, too.

In 1887 Grand Master Wood instituted a pretty custom in Montana. He presented his successor with a signet ring with the injunction "that it should be sacredly preserved and transmitted with the office of Grand Master, in endless succession, while time and Masonry should endure."

Grand Master—Geo. T. Slack.
Grand Secretary—Cornelius Hedges

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, JUNE 5-7, 1901.

Forty-Fourth annual communication.

In addition to the Grand Officers there were present the representatives of 219 chartered lodges.

"A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form as required by the law of Freemasonry in Nebraska."

An oriental chair, brought from Italy by P. G. M. Geo. W. Lininger, the "beloved of Masons in Nebraska," was by him presented to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Grand Masters.

The Grand Master reports thirty decisions, four of which were disapproved.

We quote: 22—A brother who has been convicted in the courts of an offense involving moral turpitude, should be put upon trial in his lodge for such offense, and if found guilty, should receive appropriate punishment. As Masonic law is coincident with the moral law, when a brother offends against the latter, it may be stated, as a general thing, that he has offended against the law of Masonry.

Missouri holds to the contrary, but as Nebraska takes the same view of the matter as we here in North Dakota do, we naturally think Nebraska is right.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Charles J. Phelps.

Bro. Daniel H. Wheeler says a careless employee destroyed the review of certain jurisdictions, among them North Dakota. He wants Bro. Thompson of N. D. to "get a hump on himself" and prepare a report on correspondence. Here's the hump that Bro. Thompson succeeded in getting another fellow to get.

Grand Master—Robert E. Evans.
Grand Secretary—Francis E. White.

NEVADA.

CARSON CITY, JUNE 11-12, 1901.

Thirty-Seventh annual communication.

Present—Grand and Past Grand Officers and Representatives of twenty lodges.

The several decisions of the Grand Master are on questions frequently occurring, and his holdings are in full harmony with the weight of authority.

On the question of residence the following was adopted: The Masonic residence of a man is in fact his legal residence; that is, his home, the place where he exercises the rights of a citizen. A man does not gain Masonic residence by residing temporarily in a place. Masonic residence is identical with legal residence. It is the place where a party resides with the intention of remaining permanently or for an indefinite time, and which he leaves on business or pleasure, with the intention of returning.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth.

Grand Master—Geo. A. Morgan.
Grand Secretary—C. N. Noteware.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, MAY 15, 1901.

One Hundred and Twelth annual communication.

A number of decisions were reported by the Grand Master, mostly involving points in the local constitution.

The Representative of this Grand Lodge, Bro. Edwin O. Upham, was present.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. A. S. Wait, and is both voluminous and interesting.

Grand Master—Henry B. Quinby.
Grand Secretary—Frank D. Woodbury.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, JANUARY 29-30, 1902.

One Hundred and Fifteenth annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, 47 Grand Representatives, Representatives from 164 lodges, and 290 Past Masters.

R. W. William D. Rutan represented this Grand Lodge.

The only decision reported by the Grand Master was in answer to the question: "When is a brother twelve months in arrears of dues?"

He says: "This question I referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence who gave answer in the following:"

"Dues are not in arrears until after they are payable, therefore dues payable December 31st, 1900, were first in arrears January 1st, 1901, and twelwe months in arrears January 1st, 1902."

The report on correspondence was given by Bro. Chas. Belcher.

Grand Master—W. Holt Apgar.
Grand Secretary—Thos. H. R. Redway.

NEW MEXICO.

ALBUQUERQUE, OCTOBER 21-22, 1901.

Twenty-Fourth annual communication.

Twenty of the twenty-four lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction were represented.

The decisions of the Grand Master are touching points in the Constitution of 1899 and therefore of purely local interest.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. W. H. Seamon.

Grand Master—A. H. Harllee.
Grand Secretary--Alpheus A. Keen.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, JANUARY 14-16, 1902.

One Hundred and Fifteenth annual communication.

Among the decisions reported we find this:

4. When a lodge restores to membership one who has been suspended, it cannot thereafter rescind its action restoring such member. If he be guilty of un-masonic conduct, the proper way to deal with him would be to prefer charges, and try him.

Without question the Grand Master is right.

Bro. Jno. A. Collins, for the committee, presented an interesting report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—H. I. Clark.
Grand Secretary—Jno. C. Drewry.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OCTOBER 23-24, 1901.

Ninety-Second annual communication.

The Grand Master, among others, reported the following decisions:

That all business done before regular time of meeting provided for in by-laws is illegal.

That protest can not be filed against a master mason's petitioning on demit. Action must be taken, and if rejected by lodge, demit returned.

During the year the Grand Lodge was convened six times by the Grand Master and twenty-one times by proxy, for various ceremonies.

One of the best, and certainly the most extensive, reports on correspondence was presented by Bro. W. M. Cunningham.

The tables of comparison are of great value and interest.

One hundred and fifteen dispensations were granted during the year.

Grand Master—Ike M. Robinson.

Grand Secretary—J. H. Bromwell.

OKLAHOMA.

GUTHRIE, FEBRUARY 11-12, 1902.

Tenth annual communication.

Fourteen decisions are reported, from which we take the following:

5. When a committee on investigation is not present to report thereon can a new committee be appointed to report at same meeting?

Ans. The W. M. can dismiss the old and appoint a new committee, but should not abridge time or investigation.

9. Is a petitioner who refuses to be prepared for the first degree entitled to the return of his money paid for degrees?

Ans. No.

No report on correspondence.

Grand Master—Mortimer F. Stilwell.

Grand Secretary—J. S. Hunt.

OREGON.

This Grand Lodge commenced its fifty-first annual communication in Portland June 12, 1901.

The first year of the second half century of the life of the Grand Lodge was one of peace and prosperity.

Grand Master Thielsen in passing upon a Lodge By-law reading, "No member is entitled to vote, nor can he be elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of the lodge," says "I was compelled to declare so much as is quoted above to be unconstitutional" under Article XII. Sec. 5 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and added, "Further, that it is in contravention of the Twelfth Landmark in violation of what Mackay calls the Magna Charta of Masonic Liberty, that no Mason can be punished or deprived of any of the privileges of Masonry except upon conviction after trial."

On the question of receiving mixed-bloods, the Grand Master says: "An admixture of Indian blood is no bar to becoming a Mason, but inasmuch as experience teaches that in a cross between races the vices rather than the virtues of the parents are apt to be perpetuated, it is advisable to subject the character of the petitioner to a more than usual searching scrutiny.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, MAY 20, 1901.

One hundred and eleventh annual.

Total attendance of officers and members, 222.

The representative of this Grand Lodge was present.

No decisions were rendered, but a large number of dispensations were granted by the Grand Master during the year.

There is no report from the Committee on Correspondence.

Grand Master—J. Ellery Hudson.

Grand Secretary—S. Penrose Williams.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, DECEMBER 10-11, 1901.

One hundred and twenty-fifth annual.

Present.—The Grand Officers, seven Past Grand Masters, delegates from 172 Lodges, and 37 Grand Representatives, including M. W. Bro. Richard F. Divver, representing this Grand Lodge.

We quote with approval the following decision of the Grand Master:

Has the W. M. of a Lodge the right to suspend a ballot while in progress, declare it void, and postpone a repetition of it, if it becomes evident that the secrecy of the ballot will be violated by a continuance and declaration of the result of the ballot at that time?

To this question I replied that the W. M. not only had the power but that it was his duty to suspend the ballot under the circumstances detailed.

I hold that the W. M. is alone responsible for the proper government of his Lodge, and it is his duty to assume complete and absolute control whenever he sees that the Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, or the Land Marks of Masonry, are about to be violated. The secrecy of the ballot is the bulwark of Freemasonry, and should by all means be kept inviolate.

Amendments to the Constitution were adopted authorizing Lodges to confer the degrees on ministers of the Gospel without fees, and to exempt such members from dues, in which case the Lodge would be exempted from Grand Lodge dues.

The report on Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary.

Grand Master—Walter M. Whitehead.

Grand Secretary—Charles Inglesby.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

SIOUX FALLS, JUNE 11-12, 1901.

Twenty-Seventh annual communication.

Eighty-Three lodges were represented. From the twenty-two decisions of the Grand Master:

10. A brother eligible to the office of W. M. by having passed the Warden's chair, being duly elected to that office at the regular election of officers, is entitled to be installed into office, notwithstanding he may be somewhat deficient in the knowledge of his duties.

" 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true."

22. When Lodge No. 1 waives jurisdiction over an E. A. or F. C. to Lodge No. 2, then all the jurisdictional rights formerly held by Lodge No. 1 are vested in Lodge No. 2, and no other lodge can gain jurisdiction over such material without a waiver from Lodge No. 2 which holds jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. S. A. Brown, and is uniquely decorated with head pieces appropriate to the several Grand Lodges.

Our Grand Representative was not reported present.

Grand Master—Chas. Hill.
Grand Secretary—Geo. A. Pettigrew.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, JANUARY 29-31 1902.

Eighty-Eighth annual communication.

Attendance 610; lodges represented 400; not represented 27.

Among the decisions of the Grand Master we find this:

A lodge waived jurisdiction to a candidate and notified the lodge in whose favor the jurisdiction was waived. At the next stated meeting the first lodge reconsidered its former action. The lodge in whose favor the jurisdiction was waived wrote to me to know where they were "at." Ruled that we have no law for unwaiving jurisdiction, and that once waived it is waived to stay.

The following proposed edict was submitted, read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All Master Masons engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, after January 1st, 1903, shall be deemed unworthy of membership in any subordinate lodge of Tennessee, and charges shall be preferred against all so engaged, by the Junior Warden in whose jurisdiction said manufacturer or dealer shall be residing.

Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll presented the report on correspondence.

Grand Master—John R. Smith.

Grand Secretary—John B. Garrett.

TEXAS.

HOUSTON, DECEMBER 3-5, 1901.

Sixty-Sixth annual communication.

The Committee on Credentials reported:

We find represented 468 lodges, entitled to 1404 votes, and 62 Grand Officers present, and 436 Past Masters present, making the total vote in this Grand Lodge 1902.

Twenty-two corner stones were laid with Masonic ceremonies during the year.

From the twenty-seven decisions we quote:

2. A simple show of hands is sufficient in voting to suspend a brother for non-payment of dues, all the other legal requirements having been complied with.

3. A. B. elected to serve as S. W. declines to be installed, and asks for a demit. What shall the lodge do?

Answer. The lodge should prefer charges against the brother for un-masonic conduct, he being guilty of a Masonic offense, in that such refusal being contrary to Sec. 2, Art. 5, Ch. 5, of the constitution, which provides that "No Freemason chosen to any office can refuse to serve unless he has before filled the same office."

This may be the law in Texas, but it appears to us to be mighty poor law. Suppose a brother is elected against his will, but in the face of the above allows himself to be installed and then fails or neglects to attend a single meeting of the lodge during the year. Is either the lodge or the brother helped? The objections which occur to us are too numerous to mention.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Thos. N. Matthews, Sr, and is full and interesting.

Grand Master—William Clark.
Grand Secretary—John Watson.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, JANUARY 21-22, 1902.

Thirty-First annual communication.

The proceedings contain the portraits and biographical sketches of seven Past Grand Masters and of the Grand Secretary.

No decisions are reported by the Grand Master.

On recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence the fee for the degrees in towns of less than 1,000 inhabitants was changed from fifty dollars to "any sum not less than thirty dollars."

The following amendment was also adopted: That any lodge in this jurisdiction may in its discretion by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting confer life membership upon any of its members who have paid dues to the lodge for a period of twenty years or who may have rendered valuable services to the lodge.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Christopher Diehl.

Grand Master—William John Lynch.
Grand Secretary—Christopher Diehl.

VERMONT.

BURLINGTON, JUNE 12-13, 1901.

One Hundred and Eighth annual communication.

Present—The Grand Officers, eight D. D. Grand Masters, eight Past Grand Masters, eighteen Past Grand Officers and representatives from eighty-six out of one hundred and five lodges.

In his address, the Grand Master expresses the experience of every Grand Master in these words: "My experience of the past year relating to our code has not differed materially from the preceding year, and has been similar to the experience of my predecessors. Much unnecessary correspondence has been occasioned by the failure of lodge officers to study the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, and the digest of decisions." * * *.

"I cannot too strongly recommend to all officers, whose duty it is, to thoroughly familiarize themselves with our code, and the principles of Masonic jurisprudence. This will save tedious and vexatious delays, as well as additional labor."

In construing the statute on "reasonable notice" it is held to be "not less than forty-eight hours" This is certainly moderate.

Quite a number of dispensations were granted to ballot on an application before the expiration of the full time, and on this point the Grand Master very properly says: "Too much care cannot be exercised in this respect and unless the welfare of the candidate is to be much enhanced by proceeding faster than our rules permit, I should advise lodges not to ask for a dispensation, which the Grand Master may dislike but think best to refuse."

Bro. Chas. A. Calderwood, Grand Representative for North Dakota, was present.

During the year six special communications were held, one for a centennial celebration, two to lay corner stones and three for the dedication of halls.

The report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins.

Grand Master—Chas. R. Montague.
Grand Secretary—Warren G. Reynolds.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, DECEMBER 3-5, 1901.

One Hundred Twenty-Fourth annual communication.

Present—The Grand Representatives, several Past Grand Officers, 255 delegates representing 161 lodges, a long list of Past Masters and the representatives of 27 other Grand Lodges. North Dakota was not represented.

In the matter of dispensations the Grand Master has been very conservative, and we are pleased to be able to endorse his position in all cases reported.

Some ten or a dozen decisions are reported, many being of local interest only. On the recommendation of the Grand Master the following was adopted.

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"That a Mason suspended for unmasonic conduct shall not apply for reinstatement to the rights and benefits of Masonry until after the expiration of six months; and a Mason expelled for unmasonic conduct shall not apply for reinstatement until after the expiration of twelve months. Should they petition for reinstatement and their petition be rejected, they must wait a like time before being allowed to petition again."

Evidently the continual coming of some unfortunate brother has become wearisome.

Four corner stones were laid by the Grand Master during the year.

Bro. Jos. W. Eggleston presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, and with reference to this Grand Lodge he says he has "been in a bad humor with North Dakota for a year or two, and will not get over our pet until Brother Thompson gets that old office of his straight and gives us a Foreign Correspondence report again instead of spending his time pottering around trying to keep warm. In 1899 he made his office and library his excuse, and it does seem that he has had time to get accustomed to his new surroundings and sit down and write to his friends through the Foreign Correspondence report."

We appreciate the demand for Bro. Thompson, but he is still "pottering around" and to good purpose, as his office and library bear witness.

Grand Master—H. Oscar Kerns.

Grand Secretary—Geo W. Carrington.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, JUNE 11-13, 1901.

Forty-Eighth annual communication.

Ninety-nine of the 103 active lodges represented.

Our representative was not there.

The Grand Master reports sixteen decisions, from which we quote:

9. A candidate is initiated; following his initiation he loses by accident his left hand; he is proficient and presents himself for advancement. Can he be passed and raised? It is the duty of the lodge to confer the remaining degrees.

The constitution was amended so as to require fifteen members for new lodges

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, by them was reported back without recommendation, and was again referred to the committee to report at the next annual communication, to-wit:

Resolved, That any Master Mason demitted, who shall fail to apply to become a member of a lodge, or to contribute to the support of Masonry, for more than one year, shall not be entitled to lodge privileges thereafter.

Our unaffiliated brethren may hear something drop.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. E. H. Van Patten.

Grand Master—Henry L. Kennan.

Grand Secretary—Thos. M. Reed.

WEST VIRGINIA.

HUNTINGTON, NOVEMBER 13-14, 1901.

Thirty-Seventh annual communication.

During the year twelve special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

Ten decisions are reported, in all of which we concur, save the following:

3. A brother suspended for non-payment of dues, petitions the lodge for reinstatement, a vote was taken aye and no, and the petitioner was declared reinstated.

Decided that said vote was illegal and of no effect, as the vote upon the reinstatement of a brother must be by secret ballot.

Unless West Virginia has a constitutional provision to the above effect, we do not understand the decision, and if such a provision obtains we are out of sympathy with it. The rule is so general that reinstatement is made by the vote of a majority or two-thirds of the members present, and by a show of hands, or otherwise, that to require a secret ballot seems like straining a point.

Report on correspondence by Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson.

Grand Master—Peyton R. Harrison.

Grand Secretary—Geo. W. Atkinson.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, JUNE 11-13, 1901.

Fifty-Seventh annual communication.

"In this leafy month of June, when all nature unfolds its crystal glory, when the fragrance of flower and shrub is kissed by the dew drops and the morning sun, when the sweet carol of the birds, the laughter and merry song of the children ring out on the air when the living anthem of God's benediction touches our hearts, we should be grateful for every perfect gift and bow our heads in humble supplication to 'Him who doeth all things well.'

'Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in mystic love'."

Thus was the Grand Lodge greeted by Grand Master Charles Cassius Rogers.

Six decisions are reported all of which seem to be in harmony with the weights of opinion on the subjects treated.

"Step ladder Masonry," or the election of an officer to a higher place, simply because he holds the lowest, is severely and properly criticised.

We believe that in the selection of Wardens, men should be selected who will, with the experience of the lower office, become good material for Master for the reason that the Masters must be chosen from the wardens, but no reason exists for the promotion of an incompetent junior warden just because he is junior warden.

Report on correspondence by Bro. Aldra Jenks.

Grand Master—F. H. S. Cotten.

Grand Secretary—William W. Perry.

WYOMING.

WHEATLAND, SEPTEMBER 4, 1901.

Twenty-Seventh annual communication.

Present—The Grand officers and representatives from thirteen lodges.

From the decisions of the Grand Master we quote:

Is it allowable to have the junior or senior wardens confer the degrees in the presence of the W. M.?

Answer. Yes, the presiding officer has the right to call the wardens or any other brother to the chair to confer the degrees.

In our opinion better Masters would result from a more general practice of having the wardens do some of the work.

The by-laws were amended to read as follows:

Sec. 86. No visitor shall be admitted to any lodge in this jurisdiction unless he shall furnish satisfactory documentary evidence that he is at the time in good standing in some lodge working under a charter or dispensations issued by a Grand Lodge or Grand Master recognized by this Grand Lodge as having jurisdiction over the territory in which such lodge is located; or unless such visitor shall be vouched for as a Mason in good standing by a brother.

Non affiliated Masons shall have the privilege of visiting lodges for a period of one year; but such non-affiliates shall petition some lodge within thirty days thereafter for membership, and if rejected shall contribute to some regular lodge in this grand jurisdiction, in whose jurisdiction he resides, its regular dues, and in case of non-compliance shall be debarred from all Masonic rights and privileges as follows:

First—They shall not be allowed to visit any lodge.

Second—They shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.

Third—They shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.

Fourth—They shall not be entitled to Masonic burial.

The most serious objection to the above is the requirement that if rejected, the then involuntary non-affiliate is required to pay dues to some lodge which refused to allow him membership therein. Failing in which, he is deprived of Masonic charity in his extremity and of a Masonic burial after his death. He is, by the action of his brethren, deprived of Masonic intercourse with them, but is required to buy charity and burial, the rights of every Mason unless by some act of his own he forfeits them.

We fear the amendment was not well considered.

Report on correspondence by Bro. W. S. Kuykendall.

Grand Master—Samuel Corson.

Grand Secretary—W. S. Kuykendall.

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Fargo, N. D., Beginning Tuesday, June 23d, A.·. L.·. 5903.

FIRST DAY.

The Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota was opened in the Auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continued in said city until Wednesday, being the 23rd and 24th days of June, A. D. 1903, A.·. L.·. 5903, commencing at High Twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Walter L. Stockwell (11).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
James T. Blacklock (35).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
James W. Foley (5).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
John Scott (29).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Grand S. Hager (30).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon

John Riessbeck (32).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
Charles Allen (4).....W.·. Grand Marshal
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
Joseph M. Stewart (55).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Tyler

The Grand Secretary, reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: Bro. Charles Allen (4), W.·. Bro. Wilbur C. Short (2), W.·. Bro. Wilson L. Richards (32).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials reports as follows:

We find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, members of standing committees, and representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

(See officers at Opening).

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
John F. Selby (10).....Past Grand Master
James McDonald (11).....Past Grand Master
George L. McGregor (6).....Past Grand Master
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Edwin H. James (30).....Past Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....Past Grand Master
George A. Luce (27).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer
Thomas E. Fox (47).....Past Senior Grand Warden

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—M.'. W.'. John F. Selby (10), M.'. W.'. George L. McGregor (6), M.'. W.'. James McDonald (11), M.'. W.'. Robert M. Carothers (4), M.'. W.'. George H. Keyes (13), M.'. W.'. Edwin H. James (30), M.'. W.'. Thomas L. Foulks (12).

Finance—W.'. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.'. E. George Guthrie (3), W.'. Robert Morrison (2), W.'. Frank H. Sprague (11), W.'. Charles A. Tuttle (37).

Grievances and Appeals—W.'. John McDonald (28), W.'. Halley V. Hicks (29), W.'. Thomas Harrison (10), W.'. Charles K. Wing (38).

Fraternal Correspondent—M.'. W.'. Robert M. Carothers (4).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....Arthur G. Lewis, W.'. M.'.
George W. Wasem, S.'. W.'.
Gilbert C Grafton, J.'. W.'.
Pembina No. 2.....Wilbur C. Short, W.'. M.'., S.'. W.'.,* J.'. W.'.*
Casselton No. 3.....H. John Rowe, W.'. M.'., S.'. W.'.* J.'. W.'.*
Acacia No. 4.....Charles Allen, J.'. W.'., W.'. M.'.,* S.'. W.'.*
Bismarck No. 5.....James W. Foley.**
Jamestown No. 6.....Joseph E. Halstead, W.'. M.'., S.'. W.'.,* J.'. W.'.*
Valley City No. 7.....Laurence G. Moultrie.**
Mandan No. 8.....Anson Bartlett.**
Cereal No. 9.....Wallace W. Heffron, W.'. M.'., S.'. W.'.,* J.'. W.'.*
Hillsboro No. 10.....William J. Harrison.**
Crescent No. 11.....Herbert B. Grover, W.'. M.'., J.'. W.'.*
Frank H. Sprague, S.'. W.'.

Sheyenne Valley No. 12.....Not represented.
Ellendale No. 13.....George H. Keyes.**
Sanborn No. 14.....Albert A. J. Lang, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
William McKean, S.·. W.·.
Wahpeton No. 15.....Sidney Cohen, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
William R. Kilpatner, S.·. W.·.
North Star No. 16.....Victor S. Wisner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Minto No. 17.....Robert M Evans.**
Mackey No. 18.....Stillman E. Brown, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Goose River No. 19.....Not represented.
Hiram No. 20.....Charles C. Williams, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Minnewaukan No. 21.....Not represented.
Tongue River No. 22.....Thomas G. Thompson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Bathgate No. 23.....James G. Weeks, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Euclid No. 24.....Not represented.
Anchor No. 25.....Emanuel C. Harvey, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Golden Valley No. 26.....William E. Hoover, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
William Wiggins, J.·. W.·.
Occidental No. 27.....Orin L. Bowen, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Forest River No. 28.....Robert L. Bennett, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
William E. Muir, J.·. W.·.
Hope No. 29.....Halley V. Hicks.**
Temple No. 30.....Joseph S. Garnett, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Mathew Buchanan, S.·. W.·.
Golden Fleece No. 31.....Not represented.
Dickinson No. 32.....Wilson L. Richards, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Star in the West No. 33.....Johann W. Rode, W.·. M.·.**
Robert W. Davidson, S.·. W.·.,** J.·. W.·.**
Lebanon No. 34.....Walter A. Laidlaw, W.·. M.·.,** S.·. W.·.**
James H. Bain, J.·. W.·.
Hamilton No. 35.....George F. Erskine, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
St. Johns No. 36.....James H. Scott, J. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Fairmount No. 37.....Frederick P. Nelson, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Crystal No. 38.....Charles K. Wing.**
Mizpah No. 39.....James L. Green, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Cando No. 40.....Harry Lord.**

Maple River No. 41	Lester A. Washburn, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* Thomas M. Hancock, S.·. W.·.
Reynolds No. 42	Benjamin F. Lavalley.**
Mouse River No. 43	John Christiansen, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.* Hagen H. Thompson, J.·. W.·.**
Tuscan No. 44	Thomas Sims, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* John Turner, S.·. W.·.**
Northern Light No. 45	James H. Sinclair, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Evergreen No. 46	Alva A. Hall, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Willow No. 47	Frank Sims, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Milton No. 48	Not represented.
Liberty No. 49	Not represented.
Walhalla No. 50	William J. Gordon, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Mount Moriah No. 51	Seneca Brownell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Fidelity No. 52	Ole C. Olson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Harmony No. 53	William I. Irvine, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Welcome No. 54	Not represented.
Dacotah No. 55	Robert L. Kenney.**
Aurora No. 56	Charles E. Tillson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Hankinson No. 57	Hans A. Alm, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Khurum No. 56	Robert M. McLean, W.·. M.·. John P. Reiton, S.·. W.·. L. George Bardell, J.·. W.·.**
Independence No. 59	Not represented.
Century No. 60	William C. Hayes.**
Devotion No. 61	John F. McGlenn, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Hunter No. 62	Charles A. Tubbs, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Dickey No. 63	John Rusco, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Ionic No. 64	Charles B. McMillan, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Rugby No. 65	Fred L. Ely, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Rolla No. 66	William J. Hoskins, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Leeds U.·. D.·.	Elisha B. Page, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*

*And proxy for master or wardens.

**Not an officer, but representing lodge or proxy for master or wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Arizona	Thomas E. Fox (47), Minot.
Arkansas	William A. McKean (14), Sanborn.
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo.
California	Thomas Harrison (10), Blanchard.
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes (7), Valley City.
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton.
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose (1), Fargo.
England	Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown (18), LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna (20), Fargo.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie (3), Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull (15), Wahpeton.
Ireland	Charles Allen (4), Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro.
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks (12), Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris (11), Grafton.
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall (1), Fargo.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor (6), Fargo.
Missouri	George A. Luce (27), Hope.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill (1), Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald (11), Grafton.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods (11), Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson (1), Fargo.
Ohio	James W. Foley (5), Bismarck.
Oregon	H. John Rowe (3), Casselton.
Peru	John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls (6), Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald (28), Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather (4), Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas.
Utah	Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps (1), Fargo.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock (35), Walhalla.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens (43), Towner.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES ALLEN (4),
WILBUR C. SHORT (2),
WILSON L. RICHARDS (32),
Committee.

The hour being 12:30, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 2 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with and they be approved as printed.

Carried.

INVITATION.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference of the reports of Grand Officers be appointed, to whom shall be referred the several reports without further action.

Carried.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced as such committee: Bro. Johann W. Rode (33), Bro. James H. Scott (36), Bro. Mathew Buchanan (30), W.·. Bro. Lester A. Washburn (41), W.·. Bro. Frank Sims (47).

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grand Master, then read his annual address.

BRETHREN:

This is the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of the State of North Dakota. We are met to review the past and plan for the future. Your Grand Master bids you a fraternal welcome and expresses the hope that this session may be expeditious in the transaction of its business, profitable in all things that pertain to the welfare of our Order, and harmonious in every respect. No season of the year is so full of hope and promise for the future as is the present, consequently we ought all to be inspired with higher hopes, with better resolutions and greater devotion to the cause of our Order, which is devotion to truth, honor, and the higher life. Our Order is worthy the best efforts of every member. It does not follow that a Mason's duty is performed when he is regular and punctual in his attendance at lodge meetings and the performance of routine duties. The great duty of Masons is to live up to the fundamental principles of the Order; to be good men and true everywhere, in business as well as in social life; to be good citizens. No Masonic duty of the present hour is so imperative as that of good citizenship, and surely, if Masonry teaches anything, it teaches men to be true and loyal to constituted authority.

Our Order during the past year has prospered. While it may be true that in some particular locality a lodge has not kept pace with usual Masonic progress, the growth during the past year has been substantial. It is a matter of more than usual congratulation that, up to the present time at least, no lodge has been compelled by any circumstance to yield its charter. That a lodge might be asked to do so would not be at all strange if one stops to consider the size of some of the communities of our state in which Masonic lodges are located. The time, the constant work, and the eternal vigilance and patience which are necessary to maintain a lodge of Masons up to the standard of Masonry ought to cause the most enthusiastic Mason to question the advisability of establishing a lodge in a small community.

NECROLOGY.

Death, the great leveler, has been busy during the past year, and while our subordinate lodges have been called upon to mourn the loss of members, there has been no death among the present or past Grand Officers. Our sister grand jurisdictions have not all been so fortunate. The following Grand and Past Grand Officers have passed the confines of mortality to the realms of immortality:

M.'. W.'. Reuben J. Laughlin, P.'. G.'. M.'., Arkansas.

M.'. W.'. John J. Mason, Grand Secretary, Canada.

M.'. W.'. Sequndo Alvarez y Gonzalez, P.'. G.'. M.'., Cuba.

M.'. W.'. John W. Mix, P.'. G.. M.'., Connecticut.

M.'. W.'. Eli S. Quintard, P.'. G.'., Connecticut.

M.'. W.'. Henry P. H. Bromwell, P.'. G.'. M.'., Illinois, and honorary member Grand Lodge of Colorado.

M.'. W.'. Noble D. Larner, P.'. G.'. M.'., District of Columbia.
M.'. W.'. James M. Hilliard, P.'. G.'. M.'., Florida.
R.'. W.'. Nicholas Philon, Grand Secretary, Greece.
M.'. W.'. Daniel M. Browning, P.'. G.'. M.'., Illinois.
R.'. W.'. Wiley M. Egan, Grand Treasurer, Illinois.
M.'. W.'. Andrew M. Callahan, P.'. G.'. M.'., Kansas.
R.'. W.'. Abram H. Ellis, G.'. J.'. W.'., Kansas.
M.'. W.'. Josiah H. Drummond, P.'. G.'. M.'., Maine.
R.'. W.'. Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary, Michigan.
M.'. W.'. Royal H. Gove, P.'. G.'. M.'., Minnesota.
M.'. W.'. John C. Yocum, G.'. M.'., Missouri.
M.'. W.'. John L. Spinks, P.'. G.'. M.'., Mississippi.
M.'. W.'. Albert Lackey, P.'. G.'. M.'., Nevada.
M.'. W.'. Henry L. Fish, P.'. G.'. M.'., Nevada.
M.'. W.'. Clinton F. Paige, P.'. G.'. M.'., New York.
R.'. W.'. Francis H. Alliston, Grand Treasurer, Oregon.
M.'. W.'. Milton Livsey, P.'. G.'. M.'., Rhode Island.
M.'. W.'. Stillman White, P.'. G.'. M.'., Rhode Island.
M.'. W.'. Andrew H. White, P.'. G.'. M.'., South Carolina.
M.'. W.'. Bernard F. Price, P.'. G.'. M.'., Tennessee.
M.'. W.'. DeForest Richards, P.'. G.'. M.'., Wyoming.
R.'. W.'. Edward O. Upham. Grand Representative of North Dakota ear Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The more extended notice of these distinguished brethren I leave to he Committee on Necrology. In passing I note on the roll of distinguished dead the name of Josiah Drummond, probably one of the greatst Masons of these later days.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year there seems to have been an unusual call for ispensations, many of which I have felt constrained to refuse, but have ranted the following:

To confer degrees in less than the statutory time, eighteen. In nearly rery case the reasons assigned were sound. In one or two cases dispenations were granted to cure mistakes which had been made inadvertently. n practically every case I insisted that candidates be proficient in preceding lectures and that report be made to me. While I have granted a umber of dispensations to confer degrees in less than the required time, do not approve of the practice of rushing candidates through the degrees Masonry with unseemly haste. It is not possible for a candidate, howrer bright a man he may be, to fully comprehend the meaning of the remonies and the lessons taught when so much is crowded upon him in short time.

To hold public installation, four.

To elect and install officers out of time, four.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On the 24th of July, 1902, I laid the corner stone of the Temple whi Acacia Lodge No. 4 of Grand Forks has erected. Previous to the ce monies a special session of the Grand Lodge was opened. I was assis by Past Grand Master R. M. Carothers, who acted as Deputy Grand Ma ter; P.·. G.·. M.·. James McDonald, S.·. G.·. W.·.; P.·. M.·. David Holmes, J.·. G.·. W.·., and other officers. The procession was an impos spectacle. It included representatives from many lodges. A brilli escort of Knights Templar was furnished by Grand Forks Commande Following the exercises an elaborate banquet was spread. It is needl to say that everything in connection with this auspicious occasion w carried out without a single hitch.

On June 11, 1903, I laid the corner stone of the new Science H of the State Normal School at Valley City. The occasion was a ve happy one, and especially so to me, as I acted in a dual capacity as Gra Master and President of the State Board of Normal Trustees. I w assisted by Brother John Holmes as D.·. G.·. M.·., Brother A. P. Pea as S.·. G.·. W.·., and Brother Wright as J.·. W.·. G.·., and the brethren Valley City Lodge No. 7, Valley City. St. Elmo Commandery furnish the escort. The ceremonies were successful in every particular.

DEDICATION.

On the 24th of February, 1903, I dedicated the new Masonic Tem of Acacia Lodge, Grand Forks, assisted by R.·. W.·. James Blacklock, I G.·. M.·.; Brother Green as S.·. G.·. W.·., and R.·. W.·. John Scott, G.·. W.·. The scene was without question one of the most brilliant e witnessed in North Dakota, and will long be remembered by those w were fortunate enough to be present. The hall was filled with Maso their wives, daughters and friends. Upon this occasion I delivered a sh address, in which I endeavored to emphasize some salient points Masonry. Following the ceremonies of dedication occurred a banq and ball.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge a charter was granted to Ro Lodge No. 66, Rolla, N. D.

On the 13th of August I went to Rolla, where, with the assista of Brother Harry Lord, W.·. M.·. of Cando Lodge, and other breth I constituted Rolla Lodge No. 66, installed its officers and delivered t charter to the Worshipful Master, Brother W. J. Hoskins. This lod started off with a good membership and bright prospects. I was parti larly impressed with the very representative character of its memb After the close of the lodge we enjoyed a spread and those who desi tripped the light fantastic.

NEW LODGES.

)n April 18, 1903, I issued a dispensation for a new lodge, located at ;, N. D., to be known as Leeds Lodge, U.·. D.·. The W.·. M.·. is . Page; S.·. W.·., M. L. Strong; J.·. W.·., E. F. Jones. I have had ion to be in Leeds, and while I have not visited the lodge, I have nany of the brethren and know them to be intelligent, upright men. nnly a lodge charter is safe in such hands, and I can confidently recend the granting of this charter.

'here are prospective lodges at Cogswell and Granville, and inquiries been made from several other points. The small number of new s during the past two years is directly due to the increased number sary for a charter. While possibly this works a temporary hardship, e end it results in a strong, virile lodge, and that is what we want r than weak, characterless lodges.

'he thought that other Orders will gain a foothold is not to be taken usly My observation is (and this with all due deference to other rs) that a Masonic lodge usually has nothing to fear from other rs. I am satisfied that the Order in this state will never be troubled weak, struggling lodges if the struggle is made before the dispensais granted. A charter for a Masonic lodge is something worth strivfor.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have commissioned the following brothers as Grand resentatives of the Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

R.·. W.·. Brother Pablo H. Julias, near Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.
Brother Fred J. West, Western Australia.
Brother A. W. Campbell, Texas.
Brother Thomas Ford, Victoria.
Brother Earle Bebee, Oklahoma.
Brother John A. Williams, New York.
Brother William A. Plummer, New Hampshire.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been submitted to me for answer during the t year. Many of these were fully covered by our present laws and isions and simply called for reference to the same. However, a few estions have come up which seem to be largely new and upon which have passed.

iestion No. 1:

A candidate was elected in ..... lodge at a stated meeting. brother objected to his initiation, giving his reasons for the objection. it my duty as Master to declare the candidate rejected by virtue of the ection, or, having given me the reasons for the objection, is it not

my duty to lay the objections before the lodge at a stated meeting. let the members decide as to the sufficiency of the objections?

Answer:

If a brother makes an objection to the initiation of a candidate his election to the Master, and the lodge is not cognizant of the b making the objection, it is a secret objection within the common acc tion of the word. The fact that he gives his reasons does not, in judgment, change the case. The previous ruling simply says that the sons need not be stated. The word "need" as used here simply im obligation or requirement, consequently the interpretation is that the no obligation upon the brother to give his reasons, yet, in the rea of the ruling, there is no reason why a brother could not give his rea to the Master if he so desires. *Held,* that the Master must declare candidate rejected. The objection is in no sense the property of lodge.

Question No. 2:

Brother J. G. L., a Fellow Craft, has presented to us a dimit i Lodge No. ..., under the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and is anxious to our lodge, but, as I understand it, we can let no one join who has taken the M.'. M.'. Degree. What action can our lodge take in to confer the M.'. M.'. Degree upon him and also make him a mem of our lodge?

Answer:

On page 5 of those slips printed for insertion in Grand Lodge By-L I find this: "Dimit—Fellow Craft cannot. A Fellow Craft cannot d —Keyes, 1899." Then follows this editorial note: "This rule does prevail in all grand jurisdictions, and the application of an entered App tice or Fellow Craft holding dimit from a lodge in another grand ju diction should be received by a lodge in this grand jurisdiction." W this note is not necessarily Masonic law in this state, I will make a rul to the effect that should an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, holds a dimit issued by a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction which d issue dimits to Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, desire to bec an M.'. M.'. in a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, he may petition lodge for the remaining degrees, accompanying his petition with dimit and the usual fee for such degree or degrees. The petition will be received and take the usual course of any petition for degrees or m bership. If candidate is elected and receives the remaining degrees thereby becomes a member of the lodge conferring such degrees. dimit held by the brother is accepted as legal information as to his in tion or passing, and the fact he has dimitted is evidence he cannot considered as belonging to any other lodge, and therefore must be a m ber of the lodge electing or conferring upon him the M.'. M.'. Degre

Question No. 3:

The lodge at "A" is about to incorporate, and while I was in F marck I looked over some of the forms used in the Articles of Incorp

on of Masonic Organizations and found that they vary very materially in substance. Some articles provide that the property of the lodge will go to the Grand Lodge when its charter is revoked; others provide that the property be divided among the members, etc. The members of our lodge propose putting up a lodge room, and in all probabilities if we do so we will have to draw from our private funds in order to complete it, and for this reason we do not feel like incorporating in such a way as not to place us in a position to control our property in event our charter was taken from us. Is there anything in the Grand Lodge constitution governing subordinate lodges on this position? Is there anything to prevent us from holding our own property and distributing it as we deem best in event we cease to use it for Masonic purposes?

Answer:

Section 35 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws of this state, governing property of suspended lodges, is as follows: "Upon suspension of any lodge in this jurisdiction the last Secretary and Treasurer of said lodge shall, within three months thereafter, forward to the Grand Secretary all the books, papers, jewels, funds, and furniture of the lodge so suspended, to be retained by him until disposed of by the Grand Lodge."

I should place the following construction upon this section: That this means such property as is incident to and proper for lodge work. As to real estate or other property which does not directly appertain to lodge work, the by-laws and decisions of this Grand Jurisdiction are silent, but, inasmuch as this question is liable to come up frequently in the future, it seems best that some ruling be made upon this question. It is almost the uniform law throughout the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and the decisions of practically all authorities on Masonic jurisprudence, that all property of every kind reverts to the Grand Lodge, and so I shall hold in North Dakota, with this modification, that the Grand Lodge becomes the trustee of such property, with power to administer it for the benefit of those directly concerned in the acquirement of such property, and to discharge the obligations due to any member or individual who has invested his money in such real property. This is in the event that the individual members or others have invested money in property used for Masonic purposes. However, if such property has been acquired out of the funds of the lodge proper, I do not see how any distribution of the property could ever be made. The lodge acquires all its rights to existence from the Grand Lodge, and, even though the subordinate lodge becomes a corporate body, that does not eliminate the prior right of the Grand Lodge, and should the subordinate lodge cease to exist the Grand Lodge must assume responsibility of all property held in the name of the subordinate lodge. The only way by which you can control your own property is not to incorporate the lodge, but to organize and incorporate a building association among the members of your lodge, but separate and distinct from the lodge itself.

Question No. 4:

The lodge at "B" is located about one and one-half miles from the international boundary line, and we have been requested to accept a petition from a brother Mason in good standing who resides in Manitoba. He is not a member of any lodge in Manitoba, being affiliated with his parent lodge in Ontario, Canada. He is some twenty miles from the nearest lodge in Manitoba and only a few miles from our lodge. He desires to affiliate with us. Can we accept his application for affiliation? If the nearest lodge in Manitoba were to waive jurisdiction, could we then accept his petition? This is important, for the reason that there are a number of Masons living in Manitoba who desire to affiliate with us, being located much nearer to our lodge than in their own country.

Answer:

Replying more fully to your communication of the 15th I would say that, so far as I am able to know, there is no reason why you cannot accept petitions from unaffiliated Masons residing anywhere. The general Masonic law is that a Mason may join where he pleases. I have taken the matter up with the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I find that there is no law in that Grand Jurisdiction which renders this impossible. However, I am of the opinion that it is wisest for Masons to affiliate within their own Grand Jurisdiction, unless it works a serious hardship, as it may in the case mentioned. You can use your own discretion in the matter, and if the brother in question desires earnestly to affiliate with you, you are at perfect liberty to receive his petition.

Question No. 5:

When a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees of Masonry, and a brother raises an objection in open lodge, what procedure is necessary?

Answer:

It is my opinion that when a brother makes an objection to the initiation of a candidate in open lodge, this objection would be classed along with a written objection, and then the objection becomes the property of the lodge, to dispose of as they see fit by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting. If a majority of the brethren vote that the objection is not a valid one, then you are at liberty to proceed with the initiation unless other objections are raised. However, if a majority of the lodge feel that the objection is valid, it bars the candidate's initiation.

Question No. 6:

About a year ago a man applied for initiation in the lodge. This man was here at the time doing contract work, and had been here for about a year at the time and had expressed himself as intending to locate here permanently. He had never moved his family here, but they lived at or near "C," and in the jurisdiction of the lodge at "B." The petition was acted upon favorably, and the E.·. A.·. Degree conferred in due sea-

son, no further advancement being made, as the work here on which he was engaged was finished and he went to another place where he had a contract. He has since written us to allow him to finish up in the lodge at "B" as it was more convenient. We have also received a communication from the lodge at "B" requesting us to pay over to them the initiation fee, as we, according to their claim, never had jurisdiction, and had no right to act on the petition or confer the degree. What we ask you to decide is whether, all facts considered, this man had acquired a Masonic residence here at the time the petition was made, and whether we were justified, under the circumstances, in receiving and acting upon the petition.

Answer:

The matter of residence is entirely a matter of intent. See decisions of P. G. M. Thompson, also P. G. M. Best. The lodge at "A" acted in good faith in the matter, and is in no way bound to pay over initiation fee. It is suggested that lodge at "A" request lodge at "B" to confer remaining degrees and retain balance of fee.

In regard to Decision 3, it seems to me that the Committee on Jurisprudence should draft a more definite by-law relative to this matter. There seems to be a general movement throughout this Grand Jurisdiction in the matter of building Masonic Temples, and our law should be very clear and explicit.

A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION.

I have been called upon to settle a question of jurisdiction which arose between Century Lodge No. 60, of New Rockford, and Northern Light Lodge No. 45, of Cooperstown, over candidates from the town of McHenry. I gave the matter careful consideration and decided that McHenry was in the jurisdiction of Cooperstown, and while I allowed Century Lodge to retain a brother from McHenry who had already received the M.·. M.·. Degree, I directed that the petition of two candidates from McHenry, which had been accepted by Century Lodge, should be turned over to Northern Light Lodge together with the fees. It has come to my notice several times during the year that lodges have had little differences over this or similar matters, and while it is probable that these cannot always be avoided, I am satisfied that special care should be exercised in order not to arouse antipathies between lodges. We are all members of the same great family, and no contention should ever arise "except that noble contention of who best can work and best agree."

VISITATIONS.

It has been my good fortune to be able, while in the pursuit of my regular work, to visit a number of lodges, some upon special invitation, and others when my coming was unexpected. The lodges visited are:

Shiloh No. 1, Jamestown No. 6, Hillsboro No. 10, Ellendale No. 13, Maple River No. 41, Northern Light No. 45, Aurora No. 56. In all lodges I received a very cordial greeting. However, in some lodges there seemed to be an uncertainty just what to do with the Grand Master. It was evident in these cases that something ought to be done, but just what that something was was not clear. It has occurred to me that some form might be drafted, and thus avoid the embarrassment which many Masters would be under by reason of not knowing what was expected of them. I have taken occasion on all of my visits to speak briefly to the brethren emphasizing the special need of exercising care in the election of members and the necessity of exalting the Order. I have appealed to them to make quality, not quantity, their watchword. I have also taken occasion to impress the propriety of giving to those who contemplate joining our Order the impression that the degrees of Masonry are serious in their nature and devoid of any touch of sham or horse-play. I would make it a Masonic offense for any brother to convey such an idea. Many men of high character are deterred from joining the Order because of fear of some indignity, the idea of which they have gathered from the careless, idle talk of members of our Order. I found all lodges which I visited in good condition, and in those where work was done it was well done.

In December I responded to a very cordial invitation from W.'. M.'. Tom Morris, of Crookston Lodge, Minnesota, and was present when he raised his one hundredth candidate. I was received with every courtesy due a representative of this Grand Lodge, and had the pleasure of meeting the M.'. W.'. Grand Master A. D. Countryman, of Minnesota. The occasion was most happy. Three hundred brethren were gathered from all the lodges of Northwestern Minnesota, and a few from North Dakota. An elaborate banquet was spread, and many eloquent and felicitous addresses were delivered. The whole affair was high-toned in the best sense of the word. It was a gathering which made one glad he was a Mason.

COURTESIES.

Early in October I received an invitation from the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to be present at the sesqui-centennial of the initiation of Brother George Washington into the Fraternity. The invitation itself was a work of art, and the occasion was one of those rare opportunities which come only once in one's life. The date was set for November 5th, and, unfortunately, my presence in the state at that time, and the days which immediately preceded it, seemed imperative, and I was forced to send my regrets. In doing so I took occasion to thank the Grand Lodge for the courtesy extended, and expressed the hope that the fraternal good will which has always existed between the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and North Dakota might long continue. The occasion was, without question, the greatest Masonic event ever held on this continent.

Among the brethren present were Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States; Governor Stone and Governor-elect Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, John Wanamker and Charles Emory Smith, former cabinet officers, and many men distinguished in every walk of life. President Roosevelt upon this occasion delivered an address which every Mason ought to read. Its subject was "Freemasonry and Citizenship." I quote just a sentence or two: "Masonry should make and must make each man who conscientiously and understandingly takes its obligations a fine type of American citizenship, because Masonry teaches him his obligations to his fellows in a practical fashion. Masonry teaches and fosters in the man the qualities of self-help and self-respect, the qualities that make a man fit to stand by himself, yet it must foster in him a genuine feeling for the rights of others and for the feelings of others, and Masons help one another in a way that is free from the curse of help, patronizing condescension."

And it has occurred to me that an order which could claim among its members George Washington, the Father of our Country; Benjamin Franklin, P.·. G.·. M.·. of Pennsylvania; Gen. Joseph Warren, P.·. G.·. M.·. of Massachusetts, who gave his life at Bunker Hill; John Marshall, the great Chief Justice, P.·. G.·. M.·. of Virginia; James A. Garfield, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt must always stand for the highest type of American citizenship.

Since the anniversary I have received a medal struck off for the occasion and also the memorial volume, containing a full account of this celebration. These I prize very highly.

In February I received an invitation to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the forming of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. I had promised Grand Master Countryman (and myself) that I should be present on that occasion, but the date of the dedication of the new temple erected by Acacia Lodge conflicted, and I was constrained to believe that my duty was at home. I therefore telegraphed my regrets and best wishes.

Last, but not least, was the invitation to install the officers of my own lodge, Crescent No. 11. I fully appreciated the invitation and installed the officers in due form.

GRAND LECTURER.

At the last communication of this Grand Lodge no appointment was made for Grand Lecturer. During the fall I undertook to ascertain how many lodges desired schools of instruction, and, from returns received, it appeared that there were about twenty. I then asked Brother M. S. Mayo, of Fargo, to accept the appointment. This at first he did, but later he found that his official duties would not allow him to leave his work as County Treasurer of Cass County. In my distress I wrote to our Junior Grand Warden, Brother Scott, who had acted so efficiently as Grand Lecturer for several years, and to my great satisfaction he con-

sented to take up the work himself, and has visited those lodges whic had requested schools of instruction.

NORTH DAKOTA FREEMASON.

The above is the title of a publication which appears monthly fro Rugby, and is edited by Brother Charles B. Hughes. I have met Brothe Hughes, and he is certainly a very earnest, enthusisastic, and well-poste Mason, and his paper shows much hard work. I am not satisfied, in m own mind, that there is a field for such a publication here, but yet, if th copies of the paper which I have seen are to be taken as a criterion, is worthy of support.

THE ANVIL MASONIC CLUB, NOME, ALASKA.

My attention was called to this organization early in this year, an after some correspondence and investigation, I issued the following circul letter:

"BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 24, 1903.

"BRETHREN:

"I have investigated the organization, methods and purposes of th Anvil Masonic Club, of Nome, Alaska, and I feel satisfied from what know of the club, and from the testimonials that have been presented b eminent Masons regarding this club, that I am justified in allowing th representatives of this club to appeal to the various lodges of this stat for funds. I am satisfied that should any of the lodges feel disposed t contribute to the purposes of this organization that the money so contrib uted will be expended in such a way as to bring relief to many a poo and worthy brother Mason. Yours fraternally,

W. L. STOCKWELL, G.·. M.·."

Later I received a very appreciative letter from Bro. F. B. Lazie the representative of the club at Seattle, in which he expresses heartie thanks for our generous action. Most Worshipful Bro. W. T. Perkin P.·. G.·. M.·. of this Jurisdiction, is a member of this club, and that itself would be sufficient evidence of the genuineness of the institution.

I hope that the brethren of this jurisdiction were generous in the response.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

From our Grand Secretary's report it will be seen that the Craft ha grown substantially during the past year. We have this year a member ship of 4,397, against 3,999 last year; 469 have been raised, 41 have die From this it appears that we have a gain of more than 10 per cent i

membership in one year. I am satisfied that this is sufficiently rapid, and I cannot but reaffirm my belief that quality in membership, rather than quantity, is to be sought. This, I believe, is the watchword of most lodges, but in the small lodge there is a temptation to overlook this. My hope is that all lodges will resist this temptation.

So far as I am able to know, harmony prevails throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and I trust that such a condition will always prevail.

RECIPROCITY WITH MINNESOTA.

Most of the brethren are aware that some years ago this Grand Lodge passed a resolution looking toward reciprocity of jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota, however, refused to concur in this matter, and, consequently, the matter dropped. During the last few months I have had some correspondence with M.'. W.'. Brother Adams relative to this matter. Brother Adams is favorable to such reciprocal relations, and I am of the opinion that should this Grand Lodge care to renew its representations there is every probability of favorable action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

MASONIC TEMPLES IN NORTH DAKOTA.

There seems to be a disposition among North Dakota Masons to own Masonic homes. Such is the case in Fargo, Grand Forks, Wahpeton, Devils Lake, Langdon, and Minnewaukan. The lodges at Bismarck, Lisbon, Bottineau and Willow City are contemplating the erection of temples. This is a movement which I believe should receive every encouragement. I am satisfied that it creates added interest for the institution. It affords an opportunity to provide for the social side of Masonry, and this is something which ought not to be neglected. All Masons enjoy the serious ceremonies of our Order, yet it should not be forgotten that brotherhood and fraternity carries with it the social virtues and a spirit of comradeship, and these must not be overlooked. The lodge which happily combines the two most nearly fulfills the ideal of our institution.

THE STARS AND STRIPES.

As the brethren of this Grand Communication will notice, the flag of our common country is displayed. When I visited Hillsboro Lodge No. 10 I noticed a similar display. I have always been of the opinion that such was proper. We are taught to be loyal citizens and to love and honor constituted authority, and it seems eminently fitting that our flag should have a place of prominence.

I therefore recommend that the flag of our country be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Lodge and in the halls of all subordinate lodges, and be carried at the head of all Masonic processions when such would be proper.

MILITARY LODGE.

As is well known to all of you, a dispensation was granted to a military lodge in connection with the First North Dakota Volunteer Infantry when it was sent to the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. Lieut. Col. W. C. Treumann was designated W.·. M.·., Major (now Governor) White, S.·. W.·.; Major J. H. Fraine, J.·. W.·. The story of this lodge and its work is well known. While some criticism may have been offered by older and more conservative Grand Jurisdictions, I have always felt satisfied that we made no mistake. Upon the return of the regiment to the United States the dispensation was surrendered, and a sum of money amounting to over $600 was covered into the Grand Lodge Treasury. It has occurred to me, and has also been suggested to me, that the Grand Lodge ought to do something to show its appreciation of the efforts of this lodge to dispense light and knowledge in the Far East. I would, therefore, recommend that suitable medals be struck off for the officers of this lodge—gold for the three principal officers and silver or bronze for the others—and that a suitable diploma of membership be issued to all who were members of this lodge. This is, indeed, a small matter, but the value of such a testimonial will be enhanced immeasurably because of the association, and will grow dearer as years increase.

WORLD'S FAIR FRATERNAL BUILDING.

Much correspondence has been received by the Grand Secretary and myself relative to the above. It appears that at the St. Louis Exposition to be held in 1904, it is contemplated to erect a building not less than 200x300 feet in size. It is to be of Greek classic architecture, and is intended as a headquarters for all fraternal organizations. This undertaking has the sanction of the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Illinois. The chief promoters in the enterprise are Masons of unquestioned standing. I am also in receipt of a communication addressed to the Grand Lodge of this state, which will be read at the proper time. I would suggest that a special committee be appointed upon this matter, and that all correspondence be turned over to it; further, that they, in their report, make such recommendations as seem timely and good.

GRAND ORATOR.

I had it in my mind to ask some brother, who was qualified to do so, to deliver an oration upon this occasion, and did go so far as to ask one brother, but he declined on account of pressure of other work, and owing to the fact that I have myself been pressed with work for the past few months, I neglected to give it the further attention I had intended. Most Grand Lodges have such an officer, and his contribution to the meeting of his Grand Lodge is frequently of an unusually high order, both from a Masonic and from a literary standpoint. I, therefore, earnestly recommend that the constitution of our Grand Lodge be amended so as to include among the officers of this Grand Lodge a Grand Orator.

GOOD OF THE ORDER.

Under this head I propose to discuss first the duties and responsibilities of Masters. In my judgment, no man ought to be elected Master just because he is a good fellow. While I do not decry the qualities of a good fellow (far from it), I insist that with this good fellowship must go high character and intelligence. The character of a lodge can generally be determined by the character of the Master. If the Master does not measure up to the high standard set for him you can generally be sure that the lodge is not up to the true Masonic standard. A good Master means a good lodge. I wonder how many Masters have fully considered the ancient charges. I fear some may have not, or, having fully considered them, have not lived up to them. The first one, "You agree to be a good man and true and strictly obey the moral law," or No. 6, "You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to avoid intemperance and excess." I desire to say that the man or the Master who keeps in mind these charges is not going far astray. It has come within my observation that these charges have been forgotten in at least one instance during the past year, and had I followed the dictates of my own judgment suspension from office would have resulted. I desire to exhort you, brethren, most of whom are Masters, that you set high the standard of your office and keep your own characters and the reputations of your lodges above the tongue of reproach.

Second, the standard to be set for Grand Officers. When I was installed Grand Master I felt that an honor had been conferred upon me which was second to none in this great commonwealth, and I have striven to hold aloft the standard of Masonry, and now as I come to lay down the gavel it seems to me proper to give just a word to those who shall follow me. I am not a believer in the rule that the appointment as Grand Tyler or Grand Steward necessarily implies that that brother is to be one day Grand Master. I do not believe that any brother has the right to expect that. The only thing which should determine (in the future at least) the selection of a Grand Master is high character, Masonic ability, personal fitness, and intelligence. I cannot bring myself to believe that harmony gained at the sacrifice of these qualities is always best. We have, indeed, been fortunate in the past. Let us sincerely hope that wisdom may be given us for the future. Geographical location, size and importance of one's lodge and rotation in office should be entirely eliminated as determining the election of a Grand Master.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I desire to call the attention of the brethren to the Masonic library. Its condition is par excellence, and great credit is due to our worthy Brother Frank J. Thompson for its condition. His life is entirely wrapped up in promoting the higher life of this Grand Lodge. I desire especially to thank him in the name of this Grand Lodge for his

years of efficient service, and to return him my personal thanks for his many acts of kindness and disinterested friendship.

To the other officers and to the brethren in general I return most hearty thanks for their uniform courtesy and kindness. Let us here renew our obligation to truth, honor and fortitude; friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Let us set the standard for the coming year a little higher than the past, to the end that our beloved Order may be more worthy of the support of all good Masons and more attractive to all good men.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11).

Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26), then read his report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer has the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the fiscal year ending June 23, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

1902.		
June 23.	Cash on hand as per last report	$5,744.32
July 12.	Received from Grand Secretary	30.00
July 12.	Received from Grand Secretary	1.00
Aug. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
Aug. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	26.25
Aug. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	9.00
1903.		
June 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	3.00
June 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 13.	Received from Grand Secretary	80.00
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	8.26
June 22.	Received from Grand Secretary	4,766.00
Total		$10,707.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid by Order No. 161	$10.00
Paid by Order No. 162	200.00
Paid by Order No. 163	50.00
Paid by Order No. 164	101.04
Paid by Order No. 165	100.00
Paid by Order No. 166	140.00

Paid by Order No. 167	9.00	
Paid by Order No. 168	842.30	
Paid by Order No. 169	10.00	
Paid by Order No. 170	28.75	
Paid by Order No. 171	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 172	200.00	
Paid by Order No. 173	10.00	
Paid by Order No. 174	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 175	61.15	
Paid by Order No. 176	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 177	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 178	200.00	
Paid by Order No. 179	50.00	
Paid by Order No. 180	300.00	
Paid by Order No. 181	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 182	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 183	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 184	200.00	
Paid by Order No. 185	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 186	25.00	
Paid by Order No. 187	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 188	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 189	101.04	
Paid by Order No. 190	100.00	
Paid by Order No. 191	1.20	
Paid by Order No. 192	50.00	
Paid by Order No. 193	42.06	
Paid by Order No. 194	1.51	
June 22, 1903. Balance cash on hand	6,864.38	
		$10,707.83

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1) then submitted his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I herewith submit my eleventh annual report as Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The annual returns of the chartered lodges and the lodge under dispensation have all been received. Yet, I am sorry to say, the returns of Crystal Lodge No. 38 were only received after solicitation, to the end that I might make up the membership, but no money was sent with the same. The removal of so many of the brethren of this lodge has seriously

crippled it and apparently destroyed its efficiency. I trust means may be found to give it encouragement and life. Since the organization of our Grand Lodge no charter has been surrendered or revoked, and I hope the day is not at hand for the passing away of one of our children. Perhaps a merger with Temple Lodge, at St. Thomas, or Tongue River Lodge, at Cavalier, would be a solution of the question.

The work in the Grand Jurisdiction has been much heavier than last year, the lodges apparently enjoying a part of the general prosperity of the state at large.

On April 30, 1903, our membership was 4,397, as against 3,999 the year previous, a net gain of 398, giving an increase of 141 over last year. During the year ending April 30th last, 469 were raised, as against 322 the previous year, a gain of 147 more than the year prior. The total amount of dues and fees collected is $4,766, as against $4,127.25 the previous year.

This session of the Grand Lodge ends my eleventh year as your Grand Secretary. It is with a feeling of gratification that I look back upon these years and note the growth of Masonry in the state. At that time we had thirty-five lodges, Hamilton being the infant; now we have sixty-seven, including the lodge U.'. D.'. at Leeds. We then had 1,732 members and now we have 4,397, making a gain of more than two and one-half times the membership of 1892.

Acacia Lodge No. 4, of Grand Forks, is the banner lodge for raisings, having raised twenty-five, Shiloh and Rolla Lodges coming next with twenty-one each. One of the gratifying things is the number of raisings by some of the lodges during the year. I cannot well give a complete list here, but will mention those whose raisings were nine or more, giving lodge membership for sake of comparison:

	Membership.	Raised.
No. 3, Casselton	113	11
No. 6, Jamestown	121	10
No. 7, Valley City	101	13
No. 9, Cereal, Tower City	41	11
No. 16, North Star, Larimore	89	14
No. 21, Minnewaukan, Devils Lake	110	13
No. 27, Occidental, Hope	91	17
No. 34, Lebanon, Langdon	120	13
No. 39, Mizpah, Sheldon	33	14
No. 40, Cando	58	14
No. 44, Tuscan, Bottineau	35	12
No. 47, Willow, Willow City	40	12
No. 50, Walhalla	46	13
No. 56, Aurora, Carrington	41	9
No. 59, Independence, Leal	24	9
No. 61, Devotion, Harvey	43	10
No. 64, Ionic, Hannah	36	12

The lodges whose returns were received first are as follows:

April 9th, St Johns No. 36, Forest River.
April 14th, Golden Valley No. 26, Park River.
April 20th, Pembina No. 2.
April 20th, Walhalla No. 50.
April 21st, Hope No. 29, Oakes.
April 24th, Ellendale No. 13.
April 25th, Dickey No. 63.
April 27th, Crescent No. 11, Grafton.
April 28th, Mackey No. 18, La Moure.
April 28th, Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau.
April 29th, Mouse River No. 43, Towner.
April 30th, North Star No. 16, Larimore.
April 30th, Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon.
April 30th, Dacotah No. 55, Mayville.
May 1st, Shiloh No. 1, Fargo.
May 1st, Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks.
May 2d, Goose River No. 19, Portland.
May 2d, Golden Fleece No. 31, Forman.

These figures show well on the face, but do not always give credit for actual promptness after the last meeting of the lodge, which is, in fact, the time test of celerity. The Secretary of Minnewaukan Lodge called my attention to this fact, and I took pains to compare the dates when returns of the lodges named were received with the last meeting of the lodge, and I find the following:

Ellendale No. 13, two days after last meeting.
St. Johns No. 36, Forest River, two days after last meeting.
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville, two days after last meeting.
Pembina No. 2, three days after last meeting.
Walhalla No. 50, three days after last meeting.
Hope No. 29, Oakes, four days after last meeting.
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake, five days after last meeting.
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks, six days after last meeting.
Mackey No. 18, La Moure, seven days after last meeting.
Dickey No. 63, ten days after last meeting.

Golden Valley No. 26, Park River, returns arrived seven days before last stated, and St. Johns No. 36, Forest River, eleven days before last stated meeting. I have not gone beyond ten days after last meeting in the statistics, nor later than May 2d as the date of receiving returns, except in the case of Minnewaukan, which, though not received until May 5th, was only five days after date of last meeting.

During the year the several lodges have lost forty-one members by death, Shiloh Lodge, Fargo, being the greatest loser. Seven of its members were called hence.

FINANCES.

The Finance Committee having a detailed report to submit of the financial affairs, it would be but redundancy for me to submit a financial account of the Grand Secretary at this time.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There is only the old matter of Dickinson Lodge for the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to consider.

FOX RESOLUTIONS.

Agreeably to the resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last annual session (page 44), suitable resolutions were drafted, engrossed and sent to R.·. W.·. Brother Thomas E. Fox.

CASES FOR GRAND MASTERS' APRONS.

Following the terms of the resolution to furnish cases for the aprons given to our Past Grand Masters, I procured the same and forwarded them to the several Past Grand Masters.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

The changes in Grand Secretaries of other Grand Jurisdictions have not been great: W. J. Quinlan, of British Columbia, cause unknown; John J. Mason, of Canadá, and Jefferson S. Conover of Michigan, by death; Warren G. Reynolds, of Vermont, resigned on account of business reasons; Nicholas Philon, of Greece, removed by death.

Brother Mason's long service had so woven his life into Masonry of Ontario that his death seems like the removal of one of the pillars of the superstructure of the temple.

Brother Conover was a man than whom none were better qualified for his position.

Brother Philon had made Greece a near neighbor through his zeal for the fraternity and the kindly tone which pervaded his correspondence.

I have always considered Brother Reynolds one of the progressive, energetic Grand Secretaries, and his withdrawal from the secretarial guild is regretted by all his confreres.

David Murray Lyon, the Grand Secretary of Scotland for many years, and who is personally known to many of our own members, retired, leaving vacant an office filled by him honorably, and subsequently died, January 30th, 1903. "A great Freemason gone."

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, changed Grand Secretaries, whether by death or otherwise we are not informed.

While it may not be for us to comment upon methods of other Grand Lodges, yet may we be permitted to call attention to the failure of some Grand Lodges to notify sister Grand Jurisdictions of the death of their

Grand or Past Grand Officers. And that a statistical table of Grand Officers, with dates of election, is a thing "devoutly to be wished."

Our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Edwin Osgood Upham, died during the year. His is the only vacancy in Grand Representatives, so far as this office is concerned, from so sad a cause.

LIBRARY.

We believe that those who have visited our Masonic Library will see a change for the better. We have finished the cataloging of the general books, and their contents are now easily found, there being about 1,450 cards, containing the title, author and subject contents. There is much valuable information sealed in our numerous bound magazines, and which will be work for future days to catalogue and make accessible.

The following books have been added during the year:

"Masonic Curriculum."—Speth.

"Pith and Marrow of the Closing and Coming Century."

"Proceedings Tri-State Grain and Stock Growers' Association, 1900-1902."

"Announcement First Convocation in New S. R. Cathedral, St Louis."

"Announcement Special Convocation in New S. R. Cathedral, St. Louis."

"Twenty-eighth Annual Session Imperial Council, 1902."

"Centennial Address."—J. D. Richardson.

"An Address (Philadelphia), Anti-Masonic."—Committee.

"Encyclopedia Masonica."—Casanave.

"Report Masonic Correspondence (Iowa), 1881-1889."—Parvin (2 vols.)

"The Indian—the Northwest."

"Harper's Pictorial History Civil War."—Guernsey & Alden (2 vols.)

"Rugs."—Holt.

"The House of the Hidden Places."—Adams.

"Miscellany."—Masonic Historical Society, New York.

"Proceedings of Grand Lodges of Southern States."

"History Knight Templarism, Canada."—Robertson.

"The Cryptic Rite."—Robertson.

"Talks with Craftsmen."—Robertson.

"Chapters on Symbolism."—Shaw.

"Solomon and Solomonic Literature."—Conway.

"History of the Devil."—Carus.

"Book of the Dead."—Budge (3 vols.)

"Story of the Prairies."—Willard.

"History, Principles and Practice of Symbolism in Christian Art."—Hulme.

"Mythology of the Aryan Nations."—Cox (2 vols.)

"The Cross."—Seymour.

"Portfolio of Book Plates."—Fisher.
"Memorial Tribute to William McKinley."
"A Sketch of Cryptic Masonry in Illinois."—Warvelle.
"In Memoriam Eugene Stanhope Elliott."
"Supplement to Messages and Papers of the Presidents, 1789-1902."—Richardson.
"The Symbolism of Heraldry."—Wade.
"The Book of Days."—Chambers (2 vols.)
"Arms and Armour."—Boutell.
"Religious Systems of the World."
"Regular Lodges A. F. & A. M., Illinois."
"Picturesque Egypt."—Eber (2 vols.) (Donation from A. B. Taylor, Fargo).
"Easter Service Knights Templar" (2 vols).
"Easter Ritual for Knights Templar."
"Proposed Revised Templar Burial Service, Ohio."
"Historical Album Knights Templar, Louisville, 1901."
"Mizraim."—Binion (2 vols).
"German Illustrations."—Weisser.
"Sacred Beetle."—Ward.
"Bible Dictionary."—Smith.
"Egyptian Magic."—Budge.
"Egyptian Religion."—Budge.
"Egyptian Language."—Budge.
"Book of Masters."—Adams.
"Egyptian Archæology."—Maspero.
"Egyptian Decorative Art."—Petrie.
"Faiths of the World."—Gardner (2 vols).
"Cosmos."—Humboldt (4 vols).
"Apocryphal New Testament."
"Prehistoric Nations."—Baldwin.
"Ancient America."—Baldwin.
"Assyrian Discoveries."—Smith.
"Ancient Egypt and Assyria."—Maspero.
"Essays."—Shopenhauer.
"Ruins of Empires."—Volney.
"The Koran."—Sale.
"Romanism."—Dowling.
Masonic Magazines (52 bound volumes).
Miscellaneous Magazines (30 bound volumes).
Sixty-seven State Documents.

The library receives the following magazines as compliment from their publishers:

"American Tyler," Detroit, Mich.
"Australasian Keystone," Melbourne.
"Eastern Star," Indianapolis, Ind.

"Freemason & Fez," Grand Rapids, Ia.
"Keystone and Pennsylvania Freemason," Philadelphia.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"Masonic Constellation," St. Louis, Mo.
"Masonic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"Masonic Journal," Portland, Me.
"Masonic Voice and Review," Chicago.
"Masonic Standard," New York.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Me.
"Masonic Observer," St. Paul, Minn.
"Masonic Tidings," Milwaukee, Wis.
"Mizpah," Marlborough, Mass.
"Mystic Tie," Elkins, W. Va.
"Pacific Mason," Seattle, Wash.
"Palestine Bulletin," Detroit, Mich.
"Shibboleth," Memphis, Tenn.
"Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.
"Tennessee Mason," Nashville, Tenn.
"Texas Mason," San Antonio.
"Trestle Board," San Francisco.
"The North Dakota Freemason," Rolla.

LIBRARY CERTIFICATES.

As intimated in my last report, I had a certificate printed to be presented to donors to our Masonic Library. When issued it bears the signatures of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, also the name of the giver and number of books donated. The text is printed with Caxton type, and a cut of the Masonic Temple, Fargo, tinted on. It is printed upon parchment paper, which is very strong and durable.

These certificates may not be much appreciated now, but the farther they are removed by time from the date of issuing the more valuable will they become, and doubtless, when all of us will be but memories, some young Mason will show with pride what his great grandsire did for Masonry.

MASONIC LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION.

During the year past I prepared a brochure explaining our card membership system in detail, and giving my adaptation of the decimal system of classification to Masonic books. The labor involved in preparing the work was done, so far as the card system is concerned, to give to the world the benefit of our experience, and, with reference to the classification, out of a necessity that our own Masonic Library might be scientifically classified, and the publication thereof in the hopes that it would encourage librarians of Masonic libraries to appreciate the value of the libraries under their care, and make the contents accessible to those who cared to read,

at the same time to furnish a means whereby Masonic works in public libraries could be properly arranged into what may be termed a Masonic section.

I have furnished each lodge, and each Grand and Past Grand Officer, and the several members of the standing committees with a copy of the booklet. Whatever honor may be due, I feel that to the members of our Grand Lodge full credit should be given, for without their aid, so long and so generously extended, it would have been impossible to do the work. A copy of the work has been forwarded to the Grand Secretaries of the various Grand Jurisdictions and to the leading public libraries without charge, thus reciprocating past courtesies, and trying, in a small way, to demonstrate that Masonry stands for educational as well as ethical advancement.

ASSISTANTS REMEMBERED.

In the library work I should not forget to mention the valuable assistance rendered by Miss Mary Schlanser, who has faithfully served in the office of the Grand Secretary for the past nine years. In order to be efficient she has learned the art of book classification, and has given her time to the cataloging of the library outside of office hours freely and without compensation. During the past year her labors in this line will fully equal every evening for three months. It is a donation exceeding ordinary compensation, for without her knowledge acquired at other times her efforts would have been of little avail.

Neither should I forget the services of Miss May K. Stanford, my assistant in the Fargo Public Library, who has rendered us valuable aid, and evinced such an interest in the Grand Lodge Library as to make our own labors less a task. Fraternally,

FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

The Grand Lecturer, M.·. W.·. Bro. John Scott (29), then read his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Being appointed Special Grand Lecturer, by request of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, I visited some of the lodges throughout the state during the past winter. I was sorry that I was unable to visit all the lodges that asked for schools. I visited the lodges at Hillsboro, Reynolds, Grand Forks, Gilby, Forest River, Bathgate, Walhalla, Langdon, Hannah, Larimore, Rolla, Bottineau, Leeds, Carrington, Leal, Cooperstown and Sanborn. I do not know whether only those lodges asked for schools that knew they had the work well or not, but the lodges visited were nearly all very proficient in the work.

My financial report is as follows:

Paid for railroad fare		$40.25
Received from Grand Secretary	$25.00	
Balance due	15.25	
		$40.25

Fraternally submitted,
JOHN SCOTT (29),
Special Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), Chairman of the Finance Committee, then read the report of such committee, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee begs leave to report that, agreeably to custom, this committee convened the day previous to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, at the office of the Grand Secretary, and that it has examined the books, records and vouchers of the offices of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and find them correct.

We find that the Grand Secretary has received during the year from all sources the following amounts:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$5,744.32
Charter fees Rolla Lodge No. 66	30.00
Cash for dispensation from Leeds Lodge U.·. D.·.	20.00
Cash for interest on certificate of deposits	80.00
Cash for sale of codes	4.00
Cash for fines delayed returns Nos. 7, 31, 54 and 65	20.00
Cash for dues and fees Welcome No. 54, 1902	26.25
Cash for morals and dogmas	9.00
Cash for membership cards and tray No. 66	8.26
Cash for dues and fees 1903	4,766.00
Total	$10,707.83

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous appropriations	$2,493.78
Premiums on bonds of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	28.75
Proceedings	300.00
Membership registry	93.57
Grand Lecturer	25.00
Grand Masters' aprons	202.35

Postage	76.00	
Miscellaneous printing	42.22	
Express and freight	9.26	
Engrossing charters	3.50	
Furniture	15.00	
Miscellaneous contingent	509.73	
Balance in hands Grand Secretary, miscellaneous contingent	44.29	
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	6,864.38	
		$10,707.8

ACCOUNT WITH GRAND TREASURER.

June 13, 1902.	Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$5,744.32	
	Received from Grand Secretary 1902-03	4,963.51	
			$10,707.8

CONTRA.

	Cash paid out	$3,843.45	
June 22, 1903.	Cash on hand	6,864.38	
			$10,707.8

LIBRARY RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$183.80	
Received from per capita tax 1902-03	430.40	
Donations from F. J. Thompson, Grand Librarian	50.67	
Sale of matting	15.00	
1902 library tax Valley City No. 7	9.90	
1902 library tax Welcome No. 54	3.10	
		$692.8

LIBRARY DISBURSEMENTS

	Library books and binding	$212.96	
	Library furniture, etc.	218.80	
June 22, 1903.	Cash on hand	261.11	
			$692.8

We find that Sanborn Lodge No. 14 and Crystal Lodge No. 38 did not have their reports in the Grand Secretary's office on or before May 15th, and are, therefore, subject to the usual fine.

Your committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing proceedings	250.00
Membership registry	100.00
Contingent	700.00
Fraternal correspondent	100.00

Inasmuch as the open cases now in use on the north side of the library room were purchased immediately after the fire in 1893, and, while they were the best of the kind that could be purchased at that time, are now antiquated and not in keeping with the rest of the library furnishings, we would therefore recommend:

That the Grand Secretary be directed to ascertain the cost of exchange of the cases in which the proceedings are now shelved for new cases like the ones now in use on the south side of the library room in which the miscellaneous books are shelved.

That the sum of $200 be appropriated for this purpose, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to make the exchange.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Finance Committee.

FINE REMITTED—RETURNS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson moved:

That inasmuch as the delay of Sanborn Lodge No. 14 to send in its returns to the Grand Secretary's office, on or before May 15, 1903, was due to the sickness of the local secretary, the fine imposed against the lodge be remitted.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The Commitee on Fraternal Correspondence made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. John Scott (29), was adopted, and the reviews ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

BRETHREN:

As your Fraternal Correspondent, I desire to submit my second report. You have already been made aware that the reviews of the proceedings of our sister grand jurisdictions were brief. He is indeed a competent correspondent who can, without very frequent use of the scissors and paste pot, at once become a voluminous reviewer, and it has seemed best to me that your correspondent should allow himself opportunity for growth as he becomes more experienced.

Regarding other correspondents, I am pleased to say that their criticisms, so far as they have come under my observation, have been kindly.

It will appear, perhaps, that more attention has been given the matter of jurisprudence than has been bestowed upon other features of the Grand Lodge proceedings. For this two reasons may be given: first, because this subject is considered the most important legislation, and, second, because of the special interest your correspondent has therein, thereby showing the bias of his occupation.

If a voluminous review is desired, it will be the endeavor of your correspondent, so far as in him lies, to edit the various addresses and orations delivered in the grand lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
Fraternal Correspondent.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. H. John Rowe (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of the reports of grand officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

That so much thereof as refers to fraternal dead be referred to a Committee on Obituary.

That so much thereof as refers to general dispensations, laying of corner stones, dedications, appointment of grand representatives and charters granted, the same coming within the prerogatives of the Grand Master, does not need reference.

That so much thereof as refers to the granting of a dispensation to form a new lodge at Leeds be referred to a Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·.

That so much thereof as refers to decisions and the creating of the office of Grand Orator be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as refers to the Military Lodge be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much thereof as refers to World's Fair Fraternal Building be referred to a special committee.

That so much thereof as refers to other matters not heretofore referred and needing reference be referred to a special committee on the General Welfare of Masonry.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

That the report of the Grand Treasurer, having been checked up by the Finance Committee, needs no reference.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

That so much thereof as refers to annual returns of chartered lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

That so much thereof as refers to grievances and appeals be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

That so much thereof as refers to finances, the same having been checked up by the Finance Committee, needs no reference.

REPORT OF GRAND LECTURER.

That the report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to the Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHANN W. RODE (33),
JAMES H. SCOTT (36),
MATHEW BUCHANAN (30),
LESTER A. WASHBURN (41),
FRANK SIMS (47),
Committee.

NAMES OF COMMITEES.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Mileage and Per Diem—Harry Lord (40), Thomas Sims (44), Robert L. Kinney (55), Charles B. McMillan (64), Fred L. Ely (65.)

By-Laws—Robert M. Carothers (4), John Riessbeck (32), Thomas M. Hancock (41), Thomas E. Fox (47), Hans A. Alm (57).

Obituary—Robert M. Evans (17), Robert L. Bennett (28), Joseph S. Garnett (30), Charles E. Tillson (56), Ole C. Olsen (52).

Lodges U.·. U.·.—William J. Gordon (50), John F. McGlenn (61), Charles A. Tubbs (62), Benjamin F. Lavalley (42), H. John Rowe (3).

World's Fair Building—James H. Sinclair (45), Arthur G. Lewis (1), Joseph E. Halstead (6), Stillman E. Brown (18), Wallace W. Heffron (9).

General Welfare of Masonry—William E. Hoover (26), William J. Hoskins (66), Thomas G. Thompson (22), Alva A. Hall (46), Anson Bartlett (8).

Chartered Lodges—William I. Irvine (53), Sidney Cohen (15), Victor S. Wisner (16), Frederick P. Nelson (37), James G. Weeks (23).

TIME FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

It was moved and carried that the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year take place at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals, beg leave to report as follows:

That in the matter of Dickinson Lodge No. 32, in reference to their findings in the trial of John E. Williams, charged with unmasonic conduct, which came before your committee at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge (pro. 1902, page 47), and which was remanded to said lodge for a more complete transcript of the proceedings of the trial, beg leave to report that a complete transcript of all the papers and testimony in the case has been returned to this Grand Lodge, and from it we find the proceedings in the case were entirely regular and in conformity with the rules and regulations laid down by our Masonic Code, and recommend that the action of the lodge in expelling the said John E. Williams be sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
CHARLES K. WING (38),
Committee.

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS—LEARNING LECTURE OF M.·. M.·. DEGREE.

W.·. Bro. Charles E. Tillson (56) offered the following amendment to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge:

That the following amendment be added to the by-laws of this Grand Lodge:

The same being received by a majority vote of the members present, it was referred to a Committee on By-Laws.

Every Mason hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason in this jurisdiction shall become proficient therein as required in the former degrees, and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered of record.

Provided, however, that such examination may be made and record entered in any lodge which may be designated for such purpose by the lodge in which the Master Mason was raised. And, until such proof is given, no such Master Mason shall be allowed to vote or hold office in such lodge, or dimit therefrom.

The hour being 5 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 9 o'clock a. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

The Committee on Obituary made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Robert M. Evans (17), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, appointed for the purpose of preparing a tribute to the memory of our fraternal dead, respectfully beg leave to present the following report, sacred to the memory of the illustrious dead of sister grand jurisdictions, namely:

ARKANSAS.

M.·. W.·. Reuben J. Laughlin, P.·. G.·. M.·. Born April 3, 1840. Died Aug. 13, 1902.

CANADA.

M.·. W.·. John J. Mason, Grand Secretary. Died June 15, 1903.

CONNECTICUT.

M.'. W.'. John W. Mix, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born March 31, 1850. Died Oct 12, 1902.

M.'. W.'. Eli S. Quintard, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born March 21, 1820. Died March 15, 1903.

FLORIDA.

M.'. W.'. James M. Hilliard, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born Jan. 24, 1851. Died July 26, 1902.

ILLINOIS.

M.'. W.'. Daniel M. Browning, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born April 11, 1846. Died Jan. 13, 1903.

M.'. W.'. Henry P. H. Bromwell, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born Aug. 26, 1823 Died Jan. 9, 1903.

R.'. W.'. Wiley M. Egan, Grand Treasurer. Born Aug. 1, 1827. Died Feb. 15, 1903.

KANSAS.

M.'. W.'. Andrew M. Callaham, P.'. G.'. M.'. Died July 13, 1902.

R.'. W.'. Abram H. Ellis, G.'. J.'. W.'. Born 1848. Died Sept. 25, 1902.

MAINE.

M.'. W.'. Josiah H. Drummond, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born Aug. 30, 1827. Died Oct. 25, 1902.

MICHIGAN.

M.'. W.'. Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secretary. Born April 20, 1841 Died April 5, 1903.

MINNESOTA.

M.'. W.'. Royal H. Gove, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born Jan. 16, 1830. Died Feb 28, 1903.

MISSISSIPPI.

M.'. W.'. John L. Spinks, P.'. G.'. M.'. Died April 25, 1903.

MISSOURI.

M.'. W.'. John C. Yocum, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born April 23, 1854. Died April 26, 1903.

NEVADA.

M.'. W.'. Henry L. Fish, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born July 22, 1834. Died Oct 21, 1902.

M.'. W.'. Albert Lackey, P.'. G.'. M.'. Born March 5, 1836. Died Aug. 15, 1902.

NEW YORK.

M.·. W.·. Clinton Paige, P.·. G.·. M.·. Died Nov. 13, 1902.

OREGON.

R.·. W.·. Francis H. Alliston, Grand Treasurer. Died March 1, 1903.

RHODE ISLAND.

M.·. W.·. Stillman White, P.·. G.·. M.·. Born Feb. 5, 1832. Died April 3, 1903.

M.·. W.·. Milton Livsey, P.·. G.·. M.·. Born May 5, 1843. Died Aug. 6, 1902.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

M.·. W.·. Andrew H. White, P.·. G.·. M.·. Died January, 1903.

TENNESSEE.

M.·. W.·. Bernard F. Price, P.·. G.·. M.·. Born Nov. 30, 1845. Died May 4, 1903.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

M.·. W.·. Noble D. Larnar, P.·. G.·. M.·. Born Jan. 9, 1830. Died May 19, 1903.

WYOMING.

M.·. W.·. DeForest Richards, P.·. G.·. M.·. Died April 28, 1903.

CUBA.

M.·. W.·. S. A. Gonzales, Grand Master. Born May 13, 1841. Died Oct. 15, 1902.

GREECE.

R.·. W.·. Nicolas Philon, Grand Secretary.

No man liveth to himself alone. Those of our brethren who have passed the portals of eternity leave behind them a deathless record, written not upon the scroll of fame, perhaps, but written into the life of the world with which they have come in contact. As Masons they have not wrought in the quarries without effect. Upon the temple of our Masonic lives they have left their impress; the mark of their work is as imperishable as the world itself. The time may come, nay, will come, when men may or may not recognize their work, but it is there just as certainly as the fact that they have lived. Then let us heed the admonition of their lives, and so live that, when the final moment of our earthly existence shall come, we may feel that we have not buried our own talent; that we have fulfilled our mission on earth to the limit of our power; that we have well learned the

lessons indited on the trestle-board of life by the Grand Master of the Universe, whose designs are certainly wrought out according to His will, and for the blessing of all mankind, more especially our brethren in Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. EVANS (17).
JOSEPH S. GARNETT (30).
CHARLES E. TILLSON (56).
OLE C. OLSEN (52),
ROBERT L. BENNETT (28).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON WORLD'S FAIR BUILDING.

The Committee on World's Fair Building made the following report.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of our Grand Master's address under the head of "World's Fair Fraternal Building," would respectfully beg leave to report the following:

That inasmuch as it is proposed to erect a building on the exposition grounds at St. Louis, to be used as a headquarters for all fraternal societies and particularly all Masons, during the World's Fair, and inasmuch as such a building will prove of great benefit and comfort to all visiting brothers at the fair from this jurisdiction; therefore,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) be appropriated out of the funds of this Grand Lodge as its contribution towards the erection of such proposed building.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES H. SINCLAIR (45).
ARTHUR G. LEWIS (1).
JOSEPH E. HALSTEAD (6).
STILLMAN E. BROWN (18).
WALLACE H. HEFFRON (9).
Committee.

The Grand Master referred the same to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—WORLD'S FAIR BUILDING.

The Finance Committee made the following supplemental report:

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on "World's Fair Building," at St. Louis, recommending

appropriation of $100.00 for the erection and maintenance of a Fraternal building, would respectfully report that such report has the Finance Committee's approval, and would, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the said sum for such purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

W.·. Bro. John J. Hull (15) moved:

That the report of the Finance Committee and the report of the Committee on World's Fair Building be adopted.

And they were adopted.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES, U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which, on motion of W.. Bro. Charles A. Tubbs (62), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·., to whom was referred the petition of Leeds Lodge U.·. D.·., begs leave to make the following report:

That we have examined all the records furnished us, and find the same in accordance with the forms and customs of the fraternity, and would recommend that a charter be granted said lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM J. GORDON (50),
JOHN F. McGLENN (61),
CHARLES A. TUBBS (62),
BENJAMIN F. LAVALLEY (42),
H. JOHN ROWE (3),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted.

(See Appendix, immediately following closing.)

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS—HOME.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, and it was adopted.

Resolved, That all funds now on hand, and which may in the future accumulate, for the erection of a Home for indigent Master Masons, their widows and orphans, be invested by and under the supervision of the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. William I. Irvine (53), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Committee on Chartered Lodges, beg leave to report as follows:

We have examined the reports of the chartered lodges, and find all to be regular in form and detail with the following exceptions:

That Welcome Lodge No. 54 is charging the following fees for degrees: For Entered Apprentice, $10; for Fellow Craft, $5; and for Master Mason, $5; total for the three degrees, $20, being less than the minimum allowed by the by-laws of the Grand Lodge. We recommend that Welcome Lodge No. 54 be required to forthwith amend their by-laws to conform to the requirements of the Grand Lodge regulations, and that said lodge be notified that it is suspended from conferring degrees until such action is taken, and the amended by-laws submitted to the Grand Master for approval.

Also that Crystal Lodge No. 38 has failed to remit the Grand Lodge dues and fees for the past year. This lodge reports thirty members at the close of the year, but your committee is informed that the lodge has been embarrassed for the past few years by reason of having leased a hall much more expensive than needed, and that by reason of this fact suffered a decrease of membership by dimission, but that several of its members have struggled to maintain its existence, and in view of these facts recommend that the matter be referred to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for further action.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),
SIDNEY COHEN (15),
VICTOR S. WISNER (16),
FREDRICK P. NELSON (37),
JAMES G. WEEKS (23),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE OF MASONRY.

The Committee on General Welfare of Masonry made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. William E. Hoover (26), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on General Welfare of Masonry, to whom was specially referred the matter of reciprocity jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, and generally such other matters pertaining to the good of the Order, begs leave to report as follows:

Pertaining to the reciprocity jurisdiction with the State of Minnesota, we find that the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, at its eighth annual communication, were amended in section 53 adequately covering this section, with the provision that it become of force not until the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota shall adopt a comity by-law reciprocating such action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota. We find further that no action having been taken in this matter by the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota, the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, at its tenth annual communication, advised the Grand Master-elect to call the attention of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota to the said comity resolution, adopted in Section 53, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, and that if the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota take no action in the matter, authorized the Grand Master of the State of North Dakota to abrogate such comity resolution provided in Section 53, By-Laws of Grand Lodge of North Dakota. We do not find that such comity resolution has been abrogated.

We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Master-elect of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, at its fourteenth annual communication, call the attention of the Grand Master of the State of Minnesota to the provisions of Section 53, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, to the end of securing favorable action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota in adopting a similar comity resolution.

We wish to commend to the members of this Grand Lodge, and to the members of all of the subordinate lodges within its jurisdiction, the high ideals of fitness for selection in Masonic service, and of Masonic integrity in all human relations, so ably voiced in the masterful presentation by Grand Master Stockwell in his annual address to the Grand Lodge, and recommend that that part of said address relating to "Good of the Order" be read in open lodge throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota. Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26),
WILLIAM J. HOSKINS (66),
THOMAS G. THOMPSON (22),
ALVA A. HALL (46),
ANSON BARTLETT (8),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, report as follows:

Decision No. 1, approved.

Decision No. 2, approved.

Decision No. 3: On account of the great importance of the subject matter, your committee desires to reserve its decision until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Decision No. 4, approved.

Decision No. 5: We would recommend the following modification: When a brother makes an objection in open lodge to the initiation of a candidate, the Worshipful Master should require the objecting brother to reduce his objections to writing, stating the reasons therefor, and file the same with the secretary of the lodge, under the third rule for stopping candidates and preventing their initiation, on page 69, Approved Decisions, when the objection would become the property of the lodge, and should be disposed of by a majority vote at a stated meeting. If the brother refuse or fail to reduce his objections, and the reasons therefor, to writing, as so required, then no legal objection to the initiation exists under the established rule in this grand jurisdiction, and the Worshipful Master should so declare, and proceed with the initiation of the candidate, unless other and valid objections should be interposed.

Decision No. 6, approved.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE—GRAND LECTURER.

The Finance Committee made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota.

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the expenses of the Grand Lecturer, would respectfully report that the sum of $15.25 be appropriated to reimburse him for the additional expense incurred by him during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—LECTURE M∴ M∴ DEGREE.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report.

W∴ Bro. John Riessbeck (32) moved its adoption.

W∴ Bro. Charles E. Tillson (56) moved as substitute:

That the report of the committee be not concurred in.

A vote being taken upon the substitute motion, the substitute was declared lost. The vote was then taken upon the original motion, and the same was declared carried.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the By-Laws requiring hereafter that every Mason raised in this Grand Jurisdiction shall become proficient in the lecture of the Master Mason Degree, as required in the former degrees, and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered of record, beg leave to report as follows:

That action on the proposed amendment be deferred until the next session of the Grand Lodge, as there are grave doubts as to its constitutionality.

Your committee would further recommend that the Grand Master urge all Worshipful Masters of the subordinate lodge to fulfill the spirit of the proposed by-law as nearly as possible. Your committee is of the opinion that the proposed by-law would be a benefit to the Craft in general. Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32),
THOMAS M. HANCOCK (41),
THOMAS E. FOX (47),
HANS A. ALM (57),
Committee.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That inasmuch as Brother Almond L. Woods was a member of the Committee on Juvenile Ritual, and had met with the committee at this session of the Grand Lodge in the performance of his duty, that he be declared a member of this Grand Lodge and entitled to mileage and per diem.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE RITUAL.

The Committee on Juvenile Ritual, appointed at last session of the Grand Lodge, and which was to report at this annual communication, made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of the Juvenile Ritual, desire to report that it has examined the work of Brother Frank J. Thompson, our Grand Secretary, and find the same to be excellent, and well calculated to teach the young men, of whom the proposed order is to be composed, many useful and important lessons. The new order is intended to have no other connection with Masonry than to inculcate in its members the moral principles upon which the great Order of Masonry is founded.

We regret that so little opportunity is afforded in our Grand Jurisdiction for the new order, due to the fact that the great mass of our members are comparatively young men, and also to the lack of large cities in our young state. But we heartily commend Brother Thompson's plan to all Grand Lodges within whose bounds conditions permit of the organization of the sons and brothers of Master Masons, as outlined in the Juvenile Ritual.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
JOHN F. SELBY (10),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4)
SYLVESTER J. HILL (1),
ALMOND L. WOODS (11),
Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—MILITARY LODGE MEMBERS.

The Finance Committee made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address relating to the proposed presentation, to officers and members of the Military Lodge in the Philippine Islands, of medals and diplomas, would respectfully recommend the purchase of a sufficient number of properly engrossed certificates or diplomas, showing the Masonic status of each brother connected with said Military Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of $100, or so much thereof as will be found necessary for the purchase of such certificates or diplomas.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Master, at this time, called the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges to the altar and addressed them with remarks appropriate to the occasion, and the Grand Lodge saluted them with the grand honors.

MILITARY LODGE—DIPLOMAS.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1) moved:

That the Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1), and Past Grand Master Robert M. Carothers (4) be a committee to look after the details of procuring and issuing diplomas to the members of the North Dakota Military Lodge.

Carried.

APPROPRIATION TO CAPT. S. T. CONNICK.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That the sum of $10 be appropriated as a slight compensation for the services rendered to the Grand Lodge by Brother Samuel T. Connick, Tyler of Shiloh Lodge No. 1.

Carried.

RESOLUTION—U. S. FLAG.

W.·. Bro. Halley V. Hicks (29) offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master, the flag of our country shall be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, and in the halls of all subordinate lodges, and be carried at the head of all Masonic processions when such would be appropriate.

THANKS TO GRAND SECRETARY'S ASSISTANTS.

W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28) moved:

That this Grand Lodge does hereby extend its thanks and manifest its appreciation for the services rendered by Miss Mary Schlanser, who has for so many years been a faithful attache of the Grand Secretary's office, and for her assistance and interest in arranging and classifying the Grand Lodge Library at hours not included in her time for general duties, and without asking compensation, all of which is referred to in the report of the Grand Secretary; and also to Miss May K. Stanford for her interest in the library work.

Carried.

INVITATION TO VISIT ORPHANS' HOME.

Bro. Frank D. Hall, Superintendent of the Children's Home, extended a cordial invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge and their families to visit the Orphans' Home during their sojourn in the city, or at any other time.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master appointed W.·. Bro. Wilbur C. Short (2) and W.·. Bro. Wilson L. Richards (32) as tellers. The election proceeded with the following result:

James T. Blacklock (35).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Walhalla
James W. Foley (5).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Bismarck
John Scott (29).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Oakes
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Hope
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

BEREAVEMENT OF GRAND MARSHAL BENDEKE.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the absence of W.·. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke (4), the Grand Marshal, stating that it was owing to the fact that his wife had died a few days previously as a result of a surgical operation, and that those who knew of the pleasant domestic relations of Bro. Bendeke know how heavily this bereavement falls upon him.

W.·. Bro. Thomas Harrison (10) moved:

That the Grand Master appoint a committee of three, of which he shall be the chairman, to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of W.·. Brother Bendeke's wife.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: W.·. Bro. William E. Hoover (26), W.·. Bro. Thomas Harrison (10).

The hour being 12:10, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour being 2 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE—BENDEKE.

The following resolutions of condolence to W.·. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke were then read and accepted:

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota has learned with deep regret of the great bereavement of our Grand Marshal, W.·. Brother Halfdan Bendeke.

At times like this words are inadequate to convey sympathy, yet the Grand Lodge desires Brother Bendeke to know that he has been in the minds and hearts of his brethren at this time of deepest sorrow.

The Grand Lodge expresses its sincerest sympathy, and trusts that He who doeth all things well will comfort and support our brother in his bereavement. Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26),
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
Committee.

APRON FOR PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN KLEINOGEL.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a suitable Past Junior Grand Warden's apron be presented to W.·. Brother Thomas Kleinogel, Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, he having removed permanently from the Grand Jurisdiction.

Carried.

REPORT OF JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE—GRAND ORATOR.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master in regard to the appointment of a Grand Orator, recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to make such appointment, and that such Grand Orator shall have the status of an appointive Grand Officer of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12).
Committee.

APPOINTIVE GRAND OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master elect then announced the following appointive Grand Officers and Standing Committees:

Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Grant S. Hager (30).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Dickinson
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Fargo
Halfdan Bendeke (4)....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Wahpeton
Joseph M. Stewart.....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Mayville
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Sheldon
Thomas J. Sharp (50).....W.·. Grand Lecturer, Walhalla
Walter A. Laidlaw (34).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Langdon

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), Fargo; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Inkster; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; George F. Erskine (35), Hamilton.

Fraternal Correspondent—Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Charles Allen (4) as acting Grand Marshal, and proceeded to install the following Grand Officers:

James T. Blacklock (35).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Walhalla
James W. Foley (5).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Bismarck
John Scott (29).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Oakes
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Hope
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Grant S. Hager (30).....W.·. Grand Senior Deacon, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Dickinson
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Fargo
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John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Wahpeton
Joseph M. Stewart (55).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Mayville
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Sheldon
Thomas J. Sharp (50).....W.·. Grand Lecturer, Walhalla
Walter A. Laidlaw (34).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Langdon

PROCURING OF PAST GRAND MASTERS' APRONS.

M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the Grand Secretary be authorized to purchase a Past Grand Master's apron as the occasion requires.

Carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM WILLIAM EDWARDS, CITIZEN.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Mr. William Edwards, giving historical information of old Fort Abercrombie, and the part which M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell as Grand Master and as State Superintendent of Schools took in the placing of an arch in the public school building at the time of the celebration at Abercrombie.

Bro. William I. Irvine (53) moved:

That the communication be placed on file in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

EVENTS.

Tuesday evening the third degree was worked upon the stage in the auditorium, Hugh McGuigan being the candidate. On Wednesday evening an excellent entertainment was given by the ladies of the Eastern Star at the same place.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, James T. Blacklock (35), closed the fourteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form at 3 p. m., peace and harmony prevailing.

JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due the members of this Grand Lodge, reports as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $866.60, to be paid by him to the proper delegates, as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	Arthur G. Lewis.
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	8.10	4.00	12.10	Wilbur C. Short.
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	1.00	4.00	5.00	H. John Rowe.
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	Charles Allen.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4.65	4.00	8.65	J. E. Halstead.
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Mandan	Mandan	207	10.35	4.00	14.35	A. Bartlett.
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	W. W. Heffron.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	W. J. Harrison.
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5.85	2.00	7.85	H. B. Grover.
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3.50	4.00	7.50	A. A. J. Lang.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	Sidney Cohen.
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	V. S. Wisner.
17	Minto	Minto	107	5.35	4.00	9.35	R. M. Evans.
18	Mackey	La Moure	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	S. E. Brown.
19	Goose River	Portland	68	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Hiram	Page	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	C. C. Williams.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	T. G. Thompson.
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	J. G. Weeks.
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	E. C. Harvey.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	W. E. Hoover.
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	O. L. Bowen.
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	R. L. Bennett.
29	Hope	Oakes	98	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	Grant S. Hager.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	W. L. Richards.
33	Star in the West	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	J. W. Rode.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	W. A. Laidlaw.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7.10	2.00	9.10	G. F. Erskine.
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	Jas. H. Scott.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3.05	4.00	7.05	F. P. Nelson.
38	Crystal	Crystal	186	.....	.....	.....	.....
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Cando	Cando	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	Harry Lord.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	L. A. Washburn.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2.85	4.00	6.85	B. F. Lavaley.
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	2.00	14.45	J. Christiansen.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17 00	Thos. Sims.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5 30	4.00	9.30	J. H. Sinclair.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9.65	4.00	13.65	A. A. Hall.
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	Frank Sims.
48	Milton	Milton	164	.....	.....	.....	.....
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	W. J. Gordon.
51	Mount Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	S. Brownell.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6.60	4.00	10.60	O. C. Olson.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	W. I. Irvine.
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	186	.....	.....	.....	.....
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	R. L. Kenney.
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	C. E. Tillson.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	H. A. Alm.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
58	Khurum	Gilby	103	5.15	4.00	9.15	R. M. McLean.
59	Independence	Leal	78	.....	.....	.....	.....
60	Century	New Rockford	153	7.65	4.00	11.65	W. C. Hayes.
61	Devotion	Harvey	167	8.35	4.00	12.35	J. F. McGlenn.
62	Hunter	Hunter	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	C. A. Tubbs.
63	Dickey	Dickey	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	J. Roscoe.
64	Ionic	Hannah	201	10.05	4.00	14.05	C. B. McMillan.
65	Rugby	Rugby	224	11.20	4.00	15.20	Fred L. Ely.
66	Rolla	Rolla	233	11.65	4.00	15.65	W. J. Hoskins.
U.D.	Leeds	Leeds	197	9.85	.15	10.00	E. B. Page.

GRARD, PAST GRAND OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name.	Office.	Location.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Brother Receipting
W. L. Stockwell	Grand Master	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	W. L. Stockwell
J. T. Blacklock	Deputy Gr. Master	Hamilton	142	7.10	4.00	11.10	J. T. Blacklock
James W. Foley	Senior Gr. Warden	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	J. W. Foley
John Scott	Junior Gr. Warden	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	John Scott.
Clinton D. Lord	Grand Treasurer	Park River	140	7.00	6.00	13.00	C. D. Lord.
F. J. Thompson	Grand Secretary	Fargo	....	.....	....	.....	.....
L. G. Moultrie	Grand Chaplain	Valley City	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	L. G. Moultrie.
Grant S. Hager	Senior Grand Deacon	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	Grant S. Hager
L. A. Jacobson	Junior Grand Deacon	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	L. A. Jacobson.
John Riessbeck	Senior Gr. Steward	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	J. Riessbeck.
Sylvester J. Hill	Junior Gr Steward	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	S. J. Hill.
John J. Hull	Grand Sword Bearer	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	J. J. Hull.
Jos. M. Stewart	Grand Pursuivant	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	J. M. Stewart.
James L. Green	Grand Tyler	Sheldon	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	J. L. Green
John F. Selby	Past Grand Master	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	J. F. Selby
James McDonald	Past Grand Master	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	J. McDonald.
G. L. McGregor	Past Grand Master	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	G. L. McGregor
R. M. Carothers	Past Grand Master	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	R. M. Carothers
George H. Keyes	Past Grand Master	Ellendale	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	Geo. H. Keyes
Edwin H. James	Past Grand Master	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	E. H. James.
Thos. L. Foulks	Past Grand Master	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	T. L. Foulks.
George A. Luce	Past Gr. Treasurer	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	Geo. A. Luce
E. C. Stevens	Past Gr. Treasurer	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	E. C. Stevens.
Thomas E. Fox	Past Sr. Gr. Warden	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	T. E. Fox
Alex. B. Taylor	Finance Committee	Fargo	....	.....	6.00	6.00	A. B. Taylor.
E. Geo. Guthrie	Finance Committee	Fargo	....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. D. Lord.
Robert Morrison	Finance Committee	Pembina	162	8.10	6.00	14.10	R. Morrison.
F. H. Sprague	Finance Committee	Grafton	117	5.85	6.00	11.85	F. H. Sprague.
Chas. A. Tuttle	Finance Committee	Fairmount	61	3.05	6.00	9.05	C. A. Tuttle.
John McDonald	Griev. and Appl. Com	Inkster	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	J. McDonald.
Halley V. Hicks	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	H. V. Hicks.
Thos. Harrison	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Blanchard	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	T. Harrison.
Charles K. Wing	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	Chas. K. Wing
A. L. Woods	Juvenile Ritual Com.	Bismarck	195	9.75	2.00	11.75	A. L. Woods.

Fraternally submitted,

HARRY LORD (40),
ROBERT L. KENNEY (55),
FRED L. ELY (65),
THOMAS SIMS (44),
CHARLES B. McMILLAN (64),

Committee.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

PEMBINA LODGE NO. 2.

John H. Anderson, Stanley Morehead,
Richard Shaw, James Airth,
Felix B. Fishborn.

ELLENDALE LODGE NO. 13.

Wallace W. Sears, Spencer A. Bowes,
John H. Boyle, Thomas M. Evans.

WAHPETON LODGE NO. 15.

Andrew N. Blexrud, Charles J. Monson,
Albert E. Sunderhauf, Charles H. Losinger,
Carl O. Rigg, William E. Arnold,
Andrew Hanson.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 24.

Andrew Lindberg.

ANCHOR LODGE NO. 25.

Leonard H. Cronk, Eli P. La Cell,
William H. Morgan, Nils P. Nord,
James Ross.

CRYSTAL LODGE NO 38.

Alexander Proctor, Charles E. Church.

MILTON LODGE NO. 48.

Frederick M. Cull, Walter W. Kingsbury,
John J. Mitchell, William Robinson.

DACOTAH LODGE NO. 55.

Richard J. Bastian, Harvey J. Dunham.

SUSPENDED OTHER CAUSES.

WELCOME LODGE NO. 54.

Clifford L. Vaughn.

DEVOTION LODGE NO. 61.

Arthur N. Beiscker.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1908, SHOWING LOCATION OF LODGES, ADDRESSES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, ETC.

	Lodge.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Stated Meetings.
1	Shiloh	Arthur G. Lewis	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday in each month.
2	Pembina	Wilbur C. Short	John L. Carr	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
3	Casselton	H. John Rowe	Charles E. Stone	Casselton	Cass	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
4	Acacia	Halfdan Bendeke	Ingvald A. Berg	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
5	Bismarck	Maurice M. Cook	Burt Finney	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
6	Jamestown	Joseph E. Halstead	James E. Spurling	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
7	Valley City	Chessmur A. Fisher	Henry F. Steinke	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday evening of each month.
8	Mandan	George R. Leonard	Carlyle K. Stark	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
9	Cereal	Wallace W. Heffron	George W. Marsh	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
10	Hillsboro	John F. Selby	Christian H. Baglien	Hillsboro	Traill	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
11	Crescent	Herbert B. Grover	Benj. A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
12	Sheyenne Vall'y	Richard R. Johnson	William M. Jones	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
13	Ellendale	Frank M. Walton	Alexander R. Wright	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
14	Sanborn	Albert A. J. Lang	Charles F. Revell	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
15	Wahpeton	Sidney Cohen	Charles A. McKean	Wahpeton	Richland	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
16	North Star	Victor S. Wisner	J. Dexter Pierce	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
17	Minto	John N. Bathgate	Samuel D. Thomson	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
18	Mackey	Stillman E. Brown	William Proctor	La Moure	La Moure	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
19	Goose River	George A. White	Orville D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
20	Hiram	Charles C. Williams	Walter E. Carver	Page	Cass	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
21	Minnewaukan	Charles H. Baker	John F. Henry	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
22	Tongue River	Thos. G. Thompson	Lewis W. Musselman	Cavalier	Pembina	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
23	Bathgate	James G. Weeks	Robert M. Carson	Bathgate	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
24	Euclid	R. Hudson Beek	Robert L. Metcalf	Lakota	Nelson	2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
25	Anchor	Emanuel C. Harvey	Dennis L. Warriner	Milnor	Sargent	2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
26	Golden Valley	William E. Hoover	E. Reeve Claxton	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
27	Occidental	Orrin L. Bowen	Edward O. Keene	Hope	Steele	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
28	Forest River	Robert L. Bennett	William D. Dixon	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
29	Hope	William Mills	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
30	Temple	S. Joseph Garnett	E. Aug. Rosenquist	St. Thomas	Pembina	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
31	Golden Fleece	Hero H. Taylor	Hj. Edman	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
32	Dickinson	Wilson L. Richards	William F. Burnett	Dickinson	Stark	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
33	Star in the West	John M. Wilson	Louis A. Larson	Minot	Ward	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
34	Lebanon	John Rylance	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
35	Hamilton	George F. Erskine	Herbert P. Asseltine	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
36	St. Johns	William A. Sprague	Robert B. Warren	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
37	Fairmount	Charles A. Tuttle	Newton H. Greenman	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
38	Crystal	James Yeo	Henry S. Dickson	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
39	Mizpah	James L. Greene	Martin M. Hudnall	Sheldon	[illegible]	[illegible]

40	Cando	Henry Henkel	George F. Elsberry	Cando	Towner	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
41	Maple River	Lester A. Washburn	Orcutt R. Bennett	Edgeley	La Moure	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
42	Reynolds	Frank D. Janney	George L. Ryerson	Reynolds	Traill	2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
43	Mouse River	George H. Soule	Paul B. Stevens	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
44	Tuscan	Thomas Sims	Andrew A. Brothen	Bottineau	Bottineau	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
45	Northern Light	James H. Sinclair	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
46	Evergreen	Alva A. Hall	Eugene H. Cowell	Minnewaukan	Benson	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
47	Willow	Frank Sims	Robert H. Watson	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
48	Milton	Albert T. Heligesen	Charles H. Dawson	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
49	Liberty	James C. Harper	Cecil C. Chamberlain	Enderlin	Ransom	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
50	Walhalla	William J. Gordon	Allan H. Allan	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
51	Mount Moriah	Seneca Brownell	Gustav B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
52	Fidelity	Ole C. Olson	Thomas F. Newans	Drayton	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
53	Harmony	William R. Movius	John L. Mathews	Lidgerwood	Richland	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
54	Welcome	George H. Glass	Hans A. Moe	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
55	Dacotah	I. Newton Steen	Byron S. Rice	Mayville	Traill	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
56	Aurora	Charles E. Tillson	Robert A. Bill	Carrington	Foster	Tuesday on or before full moon.
57	Hankinson	Hans A. Alm	Wm. C. Forman, Jr.	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
58	Khurum	Robert M. McLean	Edwin H. Lovell	Gilby	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
59	Independence	George B. Simpson.	Arthur E. Lundy	Leal	Barnes	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
60	Century	William E. Biggs	William C. Hayes	New Rockford	Eddy	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
61	Devotion	John F. McGlenn	Aaron Singer	Harvey	Wells	1st Wednesday of each month.
62	Hunter	Charles A. Tubbs	William C. Gamble	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
63	Dickey	John Rusco	Henry D. Bloss	Dickey	La Moure	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
64	Ionic	Charles B. McMillan.	Thomas H. Prior	Hannah	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
65	Rugby	Fred L. Ely	William S. Russell	Rugby	Pierce	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
66	Rolla	William J. Hoskins	Ernest F. Foley	Rolla	Rolette	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
67	Leeds	Elisha B. Page	Andrew L. Johnson.	Leeds	Benson	2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES, APRIL 30, 1903.

Number.	Name.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled.	Increase.	Decrease.	Membership.	Dues and Fees Paid.
1	Shiloh	29	21	21	8	3	7	2	..	..	32	9	412	$374.75
2	Pembina	3	2	..	2	..	..	7	5	..	2	12	52	42.25
3	Casselton	11	8	11	..	..	1	6	..	..	11	7	117	123.25
4	Acacia	27	28	25	10	2	3	4	..	..	37	7	204	256.00
5	Bismarck	4	6	6	4	2	2	4	..	..	12	6	76	77.00
6	Jamestown	7	9	10	..	..	1	2	..	..	10	3	128	119.00
7	Valley City	11	12	13	2	..	2	2	..	..	15	4	112	123.25
8	Mandan	10	5	8	1	2	1	1	..	..	11	2	80	90.00
9	Cereal	12	11	11	1	..	1	2	..	..	12	3	50	71.50
10	Hillsboro	6	5	5	3	..	..	2	..	..	8	2	113	102.50
11	Crescent	3	3	2	2	2	..	6	..	..	6	6	93	77.75
12	Sheyenne Valley	5	2	2	1	4	..	2	..	..	7	2	79	68.25
13	Ellendale	8	7	7	1	..	..	2	4	..	8	6	80	81.75
14	Sanborn	3	5	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	9	1	45	48.75
15	Wahpeton	6	3	3	1	..	..	6	7	..	4	13	90	57.00
16	North Star	11	11	14	..	..	2	4	..	..	14	6	97	108.00
17	Minto	4	4	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	45	45.75
18	Mackey	6	7	7	1	..	..	3	..	..	8	3	40	50.00
19	Goose River	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	30	24.75
20	Hiram	5	3	6	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	3	59	56.25
21	Minnewaukan	9	11	13	6	..	1	6	..	..	19	7	122	133.75
22	Tongue River	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	52	41.00
23	Bathgate	6	5	5	..	..	1	5	..	..	5	6	82	78.50
24	Euclid	3	3	3	6	..	..	3	1	..	9	4	55	53.25
25	Anchor	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	5	..	6	5	29	30.75
26	Golden Valley	4	4	6	1	1	..	5	..	..	8	5	86	76.00
27	Occidental	16	16	17	2	1	..	3	..	..	20	3	108	130.00
28	Forest River	5	5	2	..	..	1	3	..	..	2	4	66	60.75
29	Hope	3	5	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	2	46	46.50
30	Temple	5	5	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	50	52.50
31	Golden Fleece	8	7	5	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	2	54	58.50
32	Dickinson	7	8	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	8	1	101	96.75
33	Star in the West	8	8	8	4	..	..	3	..	..	12	3	58	67.50
34	Lebanon	15	13	13	..	..	1	1	..	..	13	2	137	143.75
35	Hamilton	8	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	3	34	35.50
36	St. Johns	8	5	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	2	40	46.50
37	Fairmount	10	8	7	2	..	..	1	..	..	9	1	50	62.50
38	Crystal	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	30	.....
39	Mizpah	9	9	14	..	..	1	1	..	..	14	2	45	65.00
40	Cando	13	11	14	2	..	..	1	..	..	16	1	73	93.25
41	Maple River	3	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	36	32.50
42	Reynolds	3	6	6	1	..	..	2	..	..	7	2	37	42.75
43	Mouse River	4	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	37	41.75
44	Tuscan	12	13	12	2	..	..	1	..	..	14	1	48	85.00
45	Northern Light	12	11	8	1	..	2	3	..	..	9	5	58	80.50
46	Evergreen	8	8	6	..	..	1	3	..	..	6	4	74	73.75
47	Willow	8	11	12	..	1	..	1	..	..	13	1	52	78.00
48	Milton	6	5	8	1	..	1	..	4	..	9	5	48	55.00
49	Liberty	11	7	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	1	49	59.25
50	Walhalla	10	11	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	59	78.25
51	Mt. Moriah	4	3	3	5	..	..	2	..	..	8	2	35	36.25
52	Fidelity	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	30	29.75
53	Harmony	5	4	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	2	40	43.00
54	Welcome	4	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	4	30	25.00
55	Dacotah	5	5	4	1	..	..	2	2	..	5	4	33	38.75
56	Aurora	10	11	9	5	..	1	1	..	..	14	2	53	73.75
57	Hankinson	8	8	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	35	50.25
58	Khurum	3	2	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	25	28.75
59	Independence	6	7	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	33	47.50
60	Century	9	4	4	2	..	1	1	..	..	6	2	51	62.25
61	Devotion	7	7	10	1	..	1	1	1	..	11	3	51	59.25
62	Hunter	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	20	15.00
63	Dickey	4	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	1	21	21.75
64	Ionic	11	12	12	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	1	48	71.00
65	Rugby	6	6	7	5	..	1	2	..	..	12	3	37	51.00
66	Rolla	25	24	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	44	105.50
U.D.	Leeds	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	10.00
	Total	496	457	469	91	19	41	131	31	1	579	264	4397	4766.00

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

YEAR	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist	Thomas J. Wilder**	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West** §	John Davidson**	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder* **	C. T. McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden	C. T. McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **	Edward G. Benke	C. T. McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§ **	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Chas. E. Jackson§ (2)	David S. Dodds* § (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F Branch§ (5)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel§ (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1991	Thomas H. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J Thompson (1)

*Deceased. §Left the jurisdiction. **With North Dakota.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES O THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	R. E. Brette	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton.
Colorado	William D. Todd	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Calvin W Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	Jacob H. Medairy	Baltimore, 5 N. Howard St.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, 18 Boylston St., M. T.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A Keene	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will. H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Flandreau.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Costa Rica	Edmund A. Osborne	San Jose.
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana Apartado 72.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	M. P. Barbogly	Athens.
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, Deputy.	Dublin.
Mexico	Gerardo Rivero	Vera Cruz, P. O. Box 56
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Wellington.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima.
Porto Rico	J. Albert Nadal	Mayaguez.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A	Hobart, M. T.
United G. D. L. Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOT NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway.
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento.
Canada	John S. Denar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. DeLong	Grand Junction.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana.
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	Edwin St Clair Thompson	Washington, No. 150 St., N. W.
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece		
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn S
Indiana	Luciene A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Rd
Kansas	Henry C. Loomis	Winfield.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans.
Maine	Algernon M. Roak	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	A. B. Chase	Bangor.
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point.
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark.
New Mexico		
New York	John A. Williams	New York, 122 W 22d St
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Melford G. E. Marshal	Annapolis Royal.
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Sydney.
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee	El Reno.
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria.
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland.
*Pennsylvania		

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Prince Edward Island...	Ambrose L. Brown.....	Charlottetown.
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson....	Lima.
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrloch.....	Hull.
Rhode Island.....	C. Henry Alexander....	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
South Carolina.....	Richard F. Divver.....	Anderson.
South Dakota	Albert S. Reed.....	Aberdeen.
South Australia.....	Matthew V. Adams....	Adelaide.
Scotland	J. MacNaught Campbell	Glasgow, 6 Franklin Ter.
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor.....	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell.....	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood.	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell.....	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford.....	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	Frederick J. West.....	Menzies.
West Virginia.....	Michael Emsheimer....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett.....	Eau Claire.
*Wyoming	.....	

*Does not exchange representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Minot.
Arkansas	William McKean.	Sanborn.
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson.
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo.
California	Thomas Harrison	Blanchard.
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Grand Forks.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale.
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo.
England		
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo.
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Lisbon.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Rhode Island	George E. Kermott	St. Thomas.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro.
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	John T. Brown	Lisbon.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
Wyoming	.....	

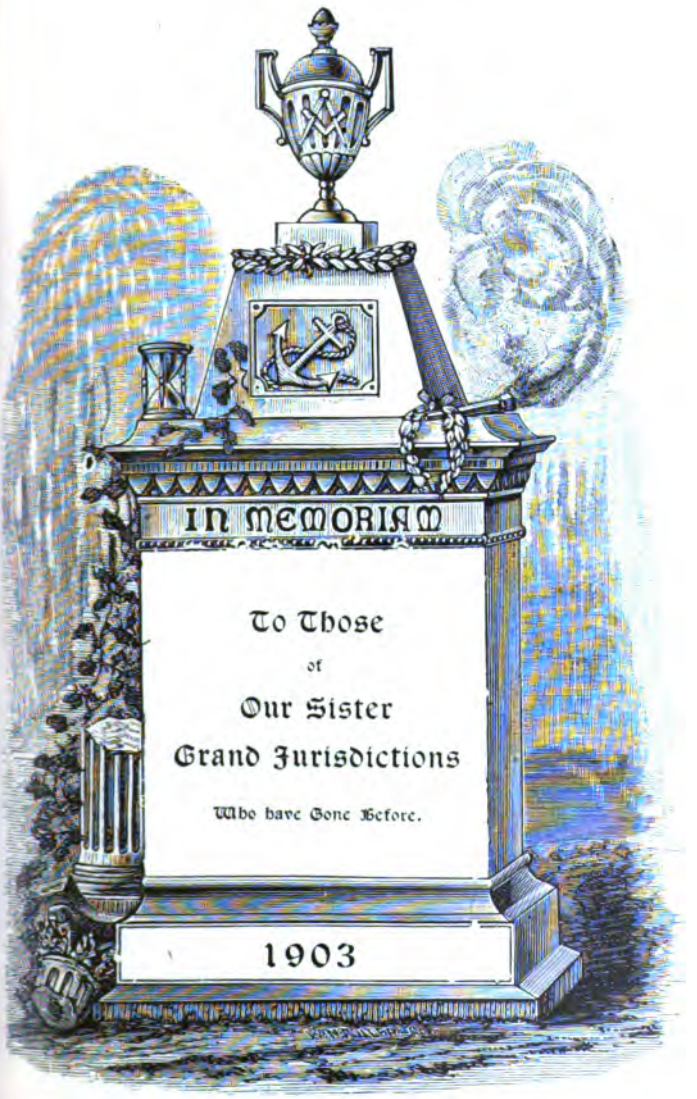
*Does not exchange representatives.

In Memory

...of the...

Forty-one Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1903.

Lodge.	Name.	Date.
Shiloh No. 1	Silas W. Clark	April 15, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Charles M. Hall	Jan. 22, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Fred A. Hyde	Feb. 19, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Carl A. Johnson	April 7, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Charles E. March	Feb. 2, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Richard S. Tyler	Jan. 8, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Horace Hance	Feb. 27, 1903
Casselton No. 3	J. Halson Brown	Jan. 31, 1903
Acacia No. 4	Charles J. McCormick	July 5, 1902
Acacia No. 4	George A. Wheeler	Dec. 5, 1902
Acacia No. 4	William C. Sproat	.....
Bismarck No. 5	Edward M. Bidwell	April 8, 1903
Bismarck No. 5	Henry R. Porter	March 4, 1903
Jamestown No. 6	William M. Bartholomew	March 30, 1903
Valley City No. 7	Charles W. Getchell.	Dec. 25, 1902
Valley City No. 7	Willis Connelly	Oct. 5, 1902
Mandan No. 8	Ezekiel C. Rice	Dec. 7, 1902
Cereal No. 9	William N. Buswell	July 19, 1902
North Star No. 16	John W. Barton	May 15, 1902
North Star No. 16	Ezra H. Wilder	May 15, 1902
Minto No. 17	Donald McCannell	Sept. 8, 1902
Hiram No. 20	John E. Menzie	Sept 18, 1902
Minnewaukan No. 21	Edward A. Maglone	May 19, 1902
Tongue River No. 22	Hyland A. Davis	Aug. 23, 1902
Bathgate No. 23	Peter A. Logan	June 5, 1902
Forest River No. 28	Frank Chapin	April 6, 1903
Temple No. 30	Theodore A. Thompson	March 4, 1903
Golden Fleece No. 31	John E. Hodgson	Sept. 27, 1902
Dickinson No. 32	Benedict Lawrence	Oct. 10, 1902
Lebanon No. 34	John Hunter	Feb. 13, 1903
Mizpah No. 39	John B. Coover	April 4, 1903
Maple River No. 41	Dell C. Sheets	Nov. 25, 1902
Northern Light No. 45	John Newland	May 8, 1902
Northern Light No. 45	John E. Johnson	March 23, 1903
Evergreen No. 46	John O. Brown	July 31, 1902
Milton No. 48	Gulbrand S. Norby	Aug. 18, 1902
Aurora No. 56	Mathias Wiltschko	Jan. 27, 1903
Century No. 60	Fred H. Martin	June 2, 1902
Devotion No. 61	Adolph S. Youngquist	Nov. 21, 1902
Ionic No. 64	Frederick H. Davis	Dec. 1, 1902
Rugby No. 65	Alexander Murray	May 5, 1902
Welcome No. 54	Emil A. Whirmuller (an E. A.)	Jan. 10, 1903
Aurora No. 56	Samuel H. Wikey (an E. A.)	May 23, 1902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To Those
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Who have Gone Before.
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Correspondence Report

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CORRESPONDENCE.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, Dec. 2-3, 1902.

Eighty-second annual communication.

At this communication were the representatives of 305 of th 387 lodges on the roll, representing 13,494 Master Masons, of whon 902 are ministers.

The number raised during the year is 1,106.

The corner stones of one church, one Masonic Temple, thre public schools, two court houses and one hospital and medical col lege were laid by the Grand Master. Masonry seems to be in clos touch with the progress of the people of Alabama.

Sixty decisions are reported, the great majority of which are i answers to questions which are repeatedly put to Grand Masters Particular attention is called to the following:

4. A subordinate lodge in Alabama cannot recognize a dimi from a subordinate lodge in any Grand Lodge "with which th Grand Lodge of Alabama is not in fraternal correspondence."

5. A person holding such a dimit is to all intents and purpose a profane, and, therefore, is eligible to apply for the degrees in an subordinate lodge in this grand jurisdiction, provided he possesse the constitutional qualifications.

To each of these decisions the Committee on Jurisprudence mos properly recommended the addition of the words, "If said dimit wa issued by a subordinate lodge whose Grand Lodge the Grand Lodg of Alabama has never recognized." The report of the committe was adopted.

Many matters of interest claimed the attention of the Grand Lodge, which closed in Ample Form at 12:15 o'clock a. m., December 4th.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. Wm. Y. Titcomb.

Grand Master—Robert J. Reden.

Grand Secretary—Geo. A. Beauchamp.

ARIZONA.

PHOENIX, Nov. 11-13, 1902.

Twenty-first annual communication.

Sixteen of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction were represented, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Bro. John McQuaid Ormsby, was present.

Three decisions were handed down by the Grand Master, all of which were approved. One, on the question of the incorporation of subordinate lodges, may be of interest on account of the action of our own Grand Lodge on the same subject. The report of the committee is that "nearly all Grand Lodges of the United States have declined to permit their subordinate lodges to incorporate, not because it is a violation of any landmark or principle, but on the ground that it is inexpedient." The Grand Lodge passed a resolution forbidding its lodges to incorporate under the civil laws.

The matter of physical qualifications was thus disposed of; the adoption of the following as a resolution of the Grand Lodge was asked:

When the physical disabilities of a candidate are not such as to prevent him from conforming literally to the several requirements of the three degrees of Masonry, his admission should not be construed as an infringement of the ancient landmarks. The Committee on Jurisprudence, reporting against the adoption of the resolution, after referring to the law which prevails in that jurisdiction, said:

While it may seem to us that at times the law works a hardship in keeping out a good man who might be an ornament to some lodge, yet we should remember that Masonry was not instituted to be a refuge for those who have been so unfortunate as to be de-

formed or dismembered. If under the present law, which is clear and emphatic, Masters are continually asking who may or may not be admitted, would not the proposed regulation make confusion worse confounded?

There is no escape from an affirmative answer to the above question, and the Grand Lodge of Arizona so answered it.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Chas. D. Belden, who, by the way, is chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, delivered an oration on "Truth," and his work, both as Orator and as Correspondent, is excellent.

Grand Master—Francis M. Zuck.

Grand Secretary—Geo. J. Roskruge.

ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Nov. 18-19, 1902.

Sixty-first annual communication.

Delegates and Representatives were enrolled before the Committee on Credentials to the number of 432, representing 381 lodges, out of 462 Lodges on the Register.

North Dakota's representative, Bro. J. S. Westerfield, was present.

During the year corner stones were laid as follows: Churches, 4; court houses, 2; public schools, 1; hospitals, 1; Masonic Temples, 1.

The charter of one lodge was arrested, and those of two lodges restored.

As to physical qualifications, the Grand Master in his address favored "such modification of the law on the subject that the Grand Master may have power by dispensation to decide and permit the making of men Masons on a mental and moral standard."

The report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, which was adopted, is as follows:

"This subject [physical qualifications] has been before many of the Grand Lodges of other jurisdictions. There is an evident sentiment, which year by year gains strength, that there should be less stringency as to perfect physical manhood, and more concern

given to moral fitness. The internal more than the external man should be looked to. Many of the Grand Lodges have taken extreme grounds against physical perfection. While we are not willing to open our doors to the indiscriminate reception of the maimed and the halt, yet we believe the time has come for a more liberal and enlightened rule upon the subject. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

"When a lodge is petitioned to confer the E. A. degree upon a man who is physically defective, the Grand Master may be requested by the lodge to grant a special dispensation, empowering the lodge to act upon the petition. In which case the Grand Master shall carefully investigate and inquire into the extent of such physical disability, and if he shall find that the candidate's imperfections would not render him unable to intelligently give and receive the necessary signs of recognition, he may, if such candidate be well qualified, grant special dispensation to make him a Mason."

It is true that moral worth is an indispensable foundation for any man's Masonic edifice, but physical perfection is a fitting companion thereto. To the mind of the writer fewer complications will arise from closely following the precedents hoary with age than will be met with under the so-called "more liberal and enlightened" rule. It is admitted by all that the old rule is to be relaxed only in favor of those who are *slightly* defective, but it is the old story of the camel's nose over again. The nose, or even the head, thrust into the tent did not seriously inconvenience the occupants thereof, but when the whole body was forced upon them serious trouble resulted. The order would not particularly suffer, should a man who has lost his entire left hand, or arm, even, be made a Mason. The little stream in the mountain may be diverted from its course by a handful of sand, but soon tons of earth and rock are not sufficient to stay the mountain torrent. Oftentimes there is less sense than sentiment in the matter of physical qualifications. I am reminded of the story of the illiterate, though fervent man who sought to be licensed to preach. When the presbytery hesitated he exclaimed, "Duzzent the Bible say to preach the Gospel to ev'ry critter?" "Yes," replied a good brother, "but it does not say that every 'critter' should preach the Gospel."

If the strict ancient rule is to be relaxed, I know of no better modification than that which obtains in North Dakota. We hold

that any physical defect "which prevents the candidate from communicating, receiving or performing all the requirements of the several obligations and lectures, or of passing through the various ceremonies, unaided by artificial means" is sufficient to disqualify a man to be made a Mason.

To this position Arkansas has practically come.

The decisions of the Grand Master present no new phases of Masonic law.

An excellent address on "Truth and Citizenship" was delivered by the Orator, Bro. Wm. T. Hammock.

Under a mandate of the Grand Lodge the reviews of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges is to be discontinued "until the Temple debt is disposed of."

Grand Master—Jno. T. Hicks.

Grand Secretary—Fay Hempstead.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, June 19-20, 1902.

Thirty-first annual communication.

All lodges represented save six.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was also absent.

In passing on a question of physical disqualification, discovered during the E. A. ceremonies, the Grand Master says, in speaking of the Committee on the petition, "The W. M. cannot be too careful in the selection of the brethren who are to discharge this important duty, and should see to it that they perform their duties in a proper manner, and the lodge should refuse to receive the report until it has been assured that the fullest investigation has been made."

Too often W. M.'s appoint newly made Masons as members of investigating committees. These brethren, because of their ignorance of the laws of the craft, are incompetent to properly discharge the most important duties of the committee. While it would not, perhaps, be well to legislate on this subject, it has occurred to me that if Masters refrained from appointing on such committees all

brethren until they have been Master Masons one year, better results would follow.

The Grand Lodge listened to a sermon by the Grand Chaplain.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, his sixth. North Dakota, 1901, is reviewed.

Grand Master—E. E. Chipman.

Grand Secretary—R. E. Rutt.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Oct. 14-17, 1902.

Fifty-third annual communication.

In his address the Grand Master reports a number of decisions, all of which are under local conditions or constitutional requirements.

From the address of the Orator, Bro. Edward H. Hart, this pleasing simile is taken:

Like the *giant sequoia* of California is the Institution of Freemasonry; of its kind, it is the greatest in the world, and like the mighty denizen of the forest, the precise period of its existence may not with exact certainty be determined; its central legend and symbol, however, is undoubtedly as old as Egyptian civilization, and Masonry in some form of evolution has witnessed the same procession in the majestic march of time that has passed in review before the sublime sun-crowned monarch of the woods.

During the year the several boards of relief expended nearly $80,000.00, a very considerable part of which was received by Masons belonging outside of California.

P.·. G.·. M.·. Wm. A. Davies presented the report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Orrin S. Henderson.

Grand Secretary—George Johnson.

CANADA.

Windsor, July 16-17, 1902.

Forty-seventh annual communication.

Brethren whose names cover eighteen printed pages, together with their officers and representatives of sister jurisdictions, assembled as the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. S. Dewar, our representative, was present.

During the year the Grand Master of this jurisdiction, M.·. W.·. Bro. R. B. Hungerford was called from earth.

Bro. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Committee, presented the report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings of 1901 are reviewed.

Grand Master—J. E. Harding.

Grand Secretary—J. J. Mason.

COLORADO.

DENVER, Sept. 16-17, 1902.

Forty-second annual communication.

One hundred of the 113 lodges were represented.

Past Grand Master Horace E. DeLong, North Dakota's representative, was present.

Five decisions are reported, but no new phase of Masonic law is passed upon.

Bro. F. G. Mirick, the Grand Orator, delivered an address on the subject, "Act well thy part." He closes thus: "We know our part, our work, our duty. Let us meet it like men and not shrink. Let not creed smother religion, nor self charity. Don't, as Masons, wait till death overtakes our brother to show our affection for him. It is a poor time to show respect for a man when his spirit has left him and you follow his inanimate clay to the grave. He is not there, and were he in his grave your tears and monuments would bring to him no sounder sleep. What cares he for the wreaths of flowers you heap on the tomb. A small boutonniere while alive would be ten-fold more eloquent of love and respect. No; it's while plodding along the sometimes tiresome journey through this sorrowful world he needs your help, your friendship and love. You need not attend his funeral. He'll forgive you. But when he is in the flesh go to him and grasp his hand with hearty welcome. Aid him in distress. If in sorrow, cheer him. Let your comradeship and brotherhood be manifested while he is in a position to appreciate it. The poet has enshrined my idea when he says:

'Keep not thy kisses for my dead cold brow;
The way is weary, let me feel them now.
Have pity on me, I am travel worn.
My bruised feet are pierced with many a thorn;
When dreamless sleep is mine I shall not need
The tenderness for which I plead—to-night.' "

Bro. L. N. Greenleaf presented a most excellent report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Marshall H. Dean.

Grand Secretary—Wm. D. Todd.

CONNECTICUT.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 21-22, 1903.

One hundred and fifteenth annual communication.

Representatives from all the lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction, save one, were present, and among the representatives of other Grand Lodges present, we find the name of our representative, Bro. Christopher E. Prince.

The Grand Master has been busy, for we find that he visited 28 lodges, granted 32 dispensations, released jurisdiction over 12 applicants in favor of lodges foreign to his state.

No decisions are reported.

From the report on Correspondence, under Arizona, we find a "Masonic pedigree" taken from the Annual of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, "showing the introduction of Masonry into the world." England is given as the root, and the date of its establishment is given as June 24, 1717. Tracing the paternity of our own Grand Lodge of North Dakota, we find that England chartered Pennsylvania in 1730; Pennsylvania chartered Missouri in 1807; from Missouri sprang Iowa in 1840; from Iowa, Dakota in 1862, and from her in turn North and South Dakota in 1889. The Dakotas are therefore twins, fourteen years old, and the great-great-great-granddaughters of the parent English Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence—196 pages—is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, and he takes occasion to extend a friendly hand to the newly-arrived Correspondent from North Dakota.

Grand Master—L. M. Woodford.

Grand Secretary—John H. Barlow.

DELAWARE.

WILMINGTON, Oct. 1-2, 1902.

Ninety-sixth annual communication.

There were present 165 members. Twenty-eight sister Grand Lodges were represented, our own not being one of the number.

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania and the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of New Jersey were present at the opening, together with three other officers from each of these Grand Lodges.

There are twenty-one lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, having a membership of 2,433. During the past year the number raised was 127, the net gain being 69. Eight members of the Grand Lodge have died since the ninety-fifth communication.

But one decision was made by Grand Master Jones, and that on the question of physical qualification.

During the year commissions were issued to five representatives of Delaware near other Grand Lodges.

Balance in Treasury, $1,553.89.

Grand Master—Harry J. Guthrie.

Grand Secretary—Benj. F. Bartham.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1902.

Ninety-second annual communication.

The Grand Lodge convened, all Lodges being represented. The representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Bro. E. St. Clair Thompson, was also present.

The decisions reported have no other than local interest, and are in harmony with the general understanding of Masonic jurisprudence.

From April 14 to April 30, 1902, the second fair given by the brethren of the district was held. The following interesting figures are given:

"Attendance, 111,076; number of lodges participating, 16; amount earned by the several bodies, $36,022; amount earned by the executive committee, $19,496; total earnings, $55,518."

On Dec. 27, 1902, was held the Installation Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master G. W. Baird presented the report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—George H. Walker.

Grand Secretary—Arvine W. Johnston.

FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, Jan. 20-22, 1903.

Seventy-fourth annual communication.

One hundred and thirty-three lodges represented, and North Dakota represented by Bro. L. Harrison.

Speaking of soliciting candidates the Grand Master says: "It should be impressed in the strongest possible manner upon the minds of young and new members that it is absolutely necessary that all petitioners for the degrees of Free Masonry, should not only offer themselves of their own free will, but also that their candidacy should be entirely uninfluenced, and absolutely unsolicited by friends. * * * Knowing of the activity displayed by the canvassing members of these various societies, young and inexperienced members of our Craft, having been deeply moved by our beautiful ceremonies, and profoundly impressed by its teachings and principles, naturally wishing their friends to enjoy the same benefits, their first thought is to rush out and bring them into the fold. They should be instructed that refusal on our part to solicit candidates is not an evidence of shiftlessness, or lack of zeal, but that it is contrary to our laws and time-honored customs. That reductions for blocks of ten, and rewards for candidates secured have no place in our Masonic institution, that the strength of our fraternity, its present standing, and its promise for the future do not depend on numbers alone, but upon the personal integrity of its members, their steady attachment to, and daily practice of those 'cardinal virtues' and 'fundamental principles' upon which it is founded."

There seems to have been an epidemic of black-balling last year, and many Grand Masters have been appealed to right, if possible, the wrong which had been committed. In every instance, of course,

the right of a secret ballot has been upheld, but the improper and unmasonic use of the black-ball has been condemned. Says the Grand Master of Florida:

"Freemasons are but men. There frequently come into this fold men who are unworthy, men who have little or no conception of true Masonry, or its exalted mission, men who become members for selfish purposees. This is to be expected, and in their reformation, in the preaching and the doing of the right, in the earnest effort to elevate such by the force of good example, lies one of the richest and most promising fields of Masonic endeavor. I cannot refrain from denouncing in most vigorous terms the use of the black ball for the sole purpose of venting spleen and carrying out individual revenge."

No decisions are reported.

The report on Correspondence is by P.·. G.·. M.·. Silas H. Wright.

Grand Master—Thos. M. Puleston.

Grand Secretary—Wilber P. Wilster.

GEORGIA.

MACON, Oct. 28-30, 1902.

One hundred and sixteenth annual communication.

But few of the Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction were unrepresented. The representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota Bro. B. H. Patterson, was also present.

In his address the Grand Master says he has received several hundred letters with requests for decisions on Masonic Law, of which "possibly two-thirds * * * were in relation to physical qualifications and questions pertaining to the ballot."

From the thirty-one reported decisions the following are taken and commended:

29. Solicitation of profanes to join the fraternity is an offense against Masonry, and the offender may be charged and tried as for other offenses. No Mason has the right by undue or improper solicitation to induce a profane to become an applicant for membership in a Masonic lodge. Every candidate must come of his own free will. There is nothing that tends so to cheapen Masonry and to

bring it into disrepute as the eagerness of some Masters and some lodges to increase their roll of membership. * * * It is an honor, yes, a great honor, to become a Mason, and he who seeks this honor must do so freely and voluntarily.

30. I have been asked several times during the year to allow a Lodge, either as such or through its officers, to participate in street fairs or carnivals given under the auspices of other organizations. This I have uniformly refused to do. Masonry has nothing in common with street fairs and carnivals. It seeks no such publicity and does not need advertisements of that kind. Neither can it afford to be held responsible for what may occur during such carnivals. Masonry is the oldest of all fraternal organizations. It occupies a unique and honored position. It has nothing to gain and everything to lose by indulging in modern innovations.

Ten corner stones were laid by the Grand Lodge during the year.

Fifty dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. A. L. Moody.

Grand Master—Max Meyerhardt.

Grand Secretary—W. A. Wolihin.

IDAHO.

BOISE, Sept. 9-11, 1902.

Thirty-fifth annual communication.

The representative of North Dakota was not present.

From the decisions we quote:

Q. Can an absent member of the lodge have his vote cast by proxy at any regular business before a meeting of the lodge?

A. There must be no voting by proxy in a subordinate lodge.

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Geo. E. Knepper.

Grand Master—David F. Mason.

Grand Secretary—Theo. W. Randall.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7-9, 1902.

Sixty-third annual communication.

At this Grand Communication 708 Lodges were represented, the total attendance being 953, a goodly company, indeed.

During the year the Grand Master dedicated seven Masonic halls, and laid the corner stones of seven structures—schools and libraries.

The Grand Lodge assembled in occasional communications nineteen times, at sixteen of which occasions the Grand Master presided.

A number of decisions were rendered, principally in an encyclical sent to all the lodges for the purpose of securing a more uniform practice in the dispatch of the business of the various lodges. The Grand Lodge approved the greater part of the Grand Master's suggestions.

The Grand Master left the chair and made seven separate motions in amendment of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, three of which motions were lost, and of the four which were adopted two were for the purpose of amending recommendations contained in his address, which were virtually rejected by the committee.

As to the right of the Tyler to vote (not ballot), the Grand Master recognized the *right*, but said, "the exercise of that right is neither compulsory nor necessary," the idea being, no doubt, that the Tyler's vote was a non-essential as far as the validity of the proceedings were concerned.

The Committee recommended that the decision be made to read, "but the exercise of that right is not compulsory, but is optional with him." This, it seems to us, is the proper reading. The Grand Master, however, on the floor of the Grand Lodge, proposed the following amendment, "but the exercise of that right is neither compulsory nor desirable." A most unfortunate wording. While without doubt the idea intended to be conveyed is that it is "*not desirable*" either to have the Tyler leave his station unguarded, or to have some brother step out and relieve him for the moment, the language is so easily liable to misconstruction that it is far from a happy expression to say the least. But that is the way it now reads in Illinois.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.
Report on Correspondence by Bro. Jos. Robbin.
Grand Master—Geo. M. Moulton.
Grand Secretary—J. H. C. Dill.

INDIANA.

No proceedings received.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

SOUTH MCALESTER, Aug. 13-14, 1902.

Twenty-ninth annual communication.

But four of the 116 lodges were unrepresented.

The decisions of the Grand Master are of local importance only.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Harry W. Fielding, delivered a lengthy address on the "Working Tools of a Fellow Craft." He makes an excellent application to human life of these instruments and closes with these words: "Well for us as men and Masons could we close our eyes to the glitter of that spurious jewelry which is but the outward ornament of a false and artificial existence, and, displaying the working tools of a fellow Craft: The Plumb, Square and Level, say in all truth and sincerity, 'These are my jewels.'"

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Eugene Hamilton.

Grand Master—Royal Jonathan Allen.
Grand Secretary—Jos. S. Murrow.

IOWA.

DUBUQUE, June 3-5, 1902.

Fifty-ninth annual communication.

There are in this Grand Jurisdiction 500 lodges, of which 452 were represented, the total attendance being 611.

In speaking of the large number who have dimitted or been suspended during the past ten years, Grand Master Baker suggests that the indifferent manner in which the work is often done is a fruitful cause of "falling by the wayside," and adds: "Officers of lodges frequently do not seem to appreciate the responsibility that rests upon them. They mumble or hurry through the work without

the thought that the design of the Masonic institution is to make its members wiser, better and happier, and to broaden and increase their love for humanity."

With regard to the improper use of the black ball he wisely says: "Under our law I know of no better way to put a stop to unmasonic black-balling than for the brethren to be more cautions in accepting the petitions of persons who are unworthy of Masonic honors. * * * No man should be elected to receive the degrees or to membership who allows himself to be governed by prejudice rather than principle."

In the matter of decisions the Grand Master voices the sentiments of every one who has held that exalted and honorable office in these words:

"Masters and the brethren as well would be greatly benefited if they would devote more time to studying our laws and thus become better prepared to fill responsible positions in the lodge."

The Grand Master recommends that the law of Iowa upon the matter of affiliation be amended "so that when a lodge refused to allow a brother to affiliate or to be reinstated and fails to prefer charges in a reasonable time and expel him, then its jurisdiction shall be waived and the brother shall have the right to petition one of the near lodges." The daughter can teach the mother. We allow affiliation with any lodge in this jurisdiction, Brother Baker.

In Iowa, as with us, the practice of working on more than one candidate at one and the same time has been indulged in by some lodges. The custodians of the work very properly remark: "The work will gain in dignity and the grand lessons be better impressed if the labor of the lodge is concentrated upon one candidate."

The Grand Orator delivered an address on the history of the Grand Lodge, more particularly of the last decade.

Bro. Jos. E. Morcombe presented the report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—W. S. Gardner.

Grand Secretary—N. W. Parvin.

KANSAS.

WICHITA, Feb. 18-19, 1903.

Forty-seventh annual communication.

A goodly company, 589 strong, met as the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

In his address the Grand Master devotes five pages to the discussion of the admission to and retention in the order of those who sell intoxicating liquors, giving a digest of the holdings of thirty-five Grand Lodges on the subject.

Under the head "Reimbursement in Charity" we find eight pages with a digest of the rules of forty-seven Grand Lodges on the "Wisconsin Proposition."

That doctrine is to the effect that if a brother, sojourning within the jurisdiction of a sister lodge, is the recipient of Masonic charity, the lodge of which he is a member must refund. A difference seems to have arisen between the Grand Lodges of Kansas and Missouri over a case of relief of a Kansas Mason sojourning in Missouri. There is a statute in Kansas that prevents the charity fund from being sent outside the state, but as to this law we express no opinion. In North Dakota we are taught that charity has nothing in common with geography. If we find a brother in need the only conditions precedent to giving aid are that he shall be "poor, distressed and worthy," and that we shall have permitting ability. No Mason has the *right* to *demand* aid in excess of the ability of the requested brother to give. It often happens that a lodge may be unable to forward aid to a member thereof who may be away from home, and must that fact shut up the bowels of mercy of Masons everywhere? We do not so understand the teachings of the Institution. Well does the Grand Master of Kansas say:

"The greatest fundamental of the Masonic system is the practice of charity, and here we have a case of two adjoining Grand Lodges following different lines of procedure in administering relief. If the time has come when Masonic Boards of Relief and Charity Committees are mere 'clearing houses' for the disposition of indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, we ought to know it."

The report on Correspondence is by P.·. G.·. M.·. Wm. M. Shaver, who gives the "glad hand" to the new Correspondent for North Dakota. Thanks, Bro. Shaver, the *brevity* will no doubt be overcome by experience.

Grand Master—Bestor G. Brown.

Grand Secretary—Albert K. Wilson.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Oct. 21-23, 1902.

One hundred and second annual communication.

Present 466 representatives.

The Grand Master, referring to physical qualifications, says, "I do not believe in the perfect youth doctrine, but the parts and points of our mystic order should not be given to those who are unable to receive and in their turn to communicate them to other applicants."

Ten charters were arrested for non-payment of dues and fines.

Three decisions are reported. We quote:

In a dispute as to jurisdiction, each lodge appointed a committee of three, who met, and the committees determined upon a line which they believed to be as near equi-distant as possible without an actual survey. Each committee recommended to its lodge the adoption of their action in agreeing upon the line. Can such an agreement be approved by the lodges and maintained by a majority vote of the interested lodges? *Held*, It can.

Relative to Masons appearing in public, the Jurisprudence Committee well says:

In regard to allowing lodges to appear in public for the purpose of attending a "Masonic picnic" in a body, we are not disposed to question the prerogative of the Grand Master to grant such dispensations. Without determining that question, we would suggest that these are not proper occasions upon which Masonic lodges should appear in public. The burial of the dead, the festivals of the Saints John, the laying of corner stones, and dedications of halls are fit occasions when Masonry may, in its work, show to the world something of its inner life. * * * But a "Masonic picnic" is a festival unknown to the order. A lodge attending it "in a body" must be a lodge "at work." In the other instances cited by us the lodge is performing some Masonic duty. At a picnic it is not.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Jas. W. Staton.

There also appears a history of the Grand Lodge from 1825 to 1853, inclusive.

Grand Master—John W. Landrum.

Grand Secretary—H. B. Grant.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2-4, 1903.

Ninety-first annual communication.

Eighty-eight lodges and a quorum being present, the M.'. W.'. Grand Master Robert R. Reid declared the M.'. W.'. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Louisiana ready for business.

Only one decision is reported.

At the annual election of officers Bro. A. was elected J. W. He failed to attend the meeting fixed for installation, and the lodge elected and installed Bro. B. as J. W. At a subsequent stated meeting Bro. A. appeared and claimed the office of J. W. Who is Junior Warden of the Lodge?

Ruling—The lodge having, at the regular time for electing officers, elected Bro. A. to the office of J. W., was without power to elect another to that office until he resigned, or was removed for cause after trial. The second election, under the circumstances, was a nullity, and Bro. A. was entitled to be installed.

A committee has in charge the preparation of a uniform work to be used throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. A little late, brethren, but better late than to be without a uniform work.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. H. C. Duncan, North Dakota is not noticed.

Grand Master—Robert R. Reid.

Grand Secretary—Richard Lambert.

MAINE.

PORTLAND, May 6-8, 1902.

Eighty-third annual communication.

With a full quota of Grand Officers and representatives the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Bro. Algernon M. Roak, representing North Dakota, was present.

From the four decisions reported the following are taken:

1. Exception being taken to the ruling of a Deputy Grand Master that the apron was a part of the Masonic clothing, and could

not be worn in public outside the lodge room (except at funerals) without a dispensation, the ruling was sustained.

2. A lodge voted to waive jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of another lodge, providing the lodge receiving the candidate pay the fee for the degrees to the lodge granting the waiver. *Held.* That the waiver was not good. It is not contemplated that lodge membership should be the subject of bargain and sale between lodges; the waiver, to be good, must be absolute.

During the year the various lodges in this grand jurisdiction raised, 1,091; dimitted, 208; suspended, 1; suspended non-payment of dues, 162; rejected, 249, and has a membership of 23,224.

Report on Correspondence by Josiah H. Drummond.

Grand Master—Alfred S. Kimball.

Grand Secretary—Stephen Berry.

MANITOBA.

CALGARY, June 11-12, 1902.

Twenty-seventh annual communication.

From the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception the following is taken:

"There are 70 chartered and 3 lodges U. D. on the Register. 15 lodges are represented by their own officers; 26 lodges by proxy; 27 lodges unrepresented. There are 63 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 186."

Fourteen Grand Lodges were represented, but we were not.

Forty pages are required to record the proceedings of four special communications, one funeral and three corner stones.

Not a little business was transacted, but nothing of special interest to the Craft at large occupied the attention of the Grand Lodge.

No report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—R. Hill Myers.

Grand Secretary—Jas. A. Ovas.

MARYLAND.

No proceedings received.

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Dec. 10, 1902.

One hundred and sixty-ninth annual communication.

With its four quarterly communications, its seven special communications and its one stated communication, the unexperienced correspondent gets lost in Massachusetts.

This Grand Lodge reports more meetings and more speeches than any other in the sisterhood of Grand Lodges.

So old is this Grand Lodge that the brethren there are living amidst the almost daily century celebrations of lodges. It causes those of us who sojourn where the newness of things has but lately disappeared to feel youthful, indeed.

No decisions are reported, nor is there any report on Correspondence.

The account of the Gridley House, Brookline, and Jeremy Gridley, is highly pleasing.

Grand Master—Baalis Sanford.

Grand Secretary—Sereno D. Nickerson.

MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, Jan. 27-28, 1903.

Fifty-ninth annual communication.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. North Dakota's representative was absent.

Seven corner stones were laid during the year.

Unfortunately, but in common with other Grand Lodges, Michigan has had her share of trouble—internal dissensions. The Grand Master well says:

"In nineteen cases out of twenty, aye, I might say ninety-nine out of every hundred, internal trouble arises from an over zealous zeal, by officers or members, to get some friend or candidate into the lodge who is objectionable to some other member. * * * The right to use the black ball is the only safeguard to our order. * * * The right to use the black ball carries with it grave re-

sponsibilities, and is a sacred privilege, and should never be misused. It is a fine test of manhood and Masonry."

Ten decisions are reported by the Grand Master, but none are of general interest.

The Grand Secretary was paid $300 in addition to his salary ($1,500), and was allowed $500 for stenographer and clerk hire. The by-laws of the Grand Lodge were amended so as to make the salary of the Grand Secretary $1,800 per annum.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. J. S. Conover, and covers 180 pages. North Dakota gets two and a half pages. Fifteen lines may not be much, Bro. Conover, but considering the newness to his task of the reviewer, and the fact that "the best Grand Secretary of any state in the Union" sent 57 proceedings *all at once* with a yell for "copy," you were in luck to get what you did. But soon, when we get the "hang of the thing," more gas will be injected, and you may have no reason to complain of *condensation*.

Grand Master—Roscoe W. Broughton.

Grand Secretary—Jefferson S. Conover.

It is with profound regret that we learn, after writing the foregoing, that Bro. Conover has passed beyond this life. Bro. Lou B. Winsor, of Reed City, Mich., has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Conover.

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, Feb. 24-25, 1903.

Fiftieth annual communication.

"This being the Golden Jubilee of Grand Lodge, the committee on same had the spacious hall very handsomely decorated."

All the Grand Officers were present. During the session 216 lodges, out of 228 on the roll, were represented.

Bro. Henry R. Wells, representing the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was present.

During the year seven lodges were constituted, and dispensations granted for eleven.

Of the five decisions, the following are quoted:

1. Question: Does a man *have* to take the Bible as his rule and guide of faith before he can be made a Mason in this State?

Answer: Belief in God being a prerequisite, the Bible must necessarily be taken as the rule and guide of faith, as Masonry is founded upon its teachings. Scoffers must not be admitted, as they lack the proper foundation upon which to build their future moral and Masonic edifice.

4. Question. Should petitions be destroyed after being acted upon?

Answer: No. They are part of the records and should be kept.

The present Grand Master of Minnesota enjoys the unique distinction of having been born in a Masonic lodge room.

The facts, as related by his father, Sam E. Adams, who by the way is Lieutenant Grand Commander A. and A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction, are these:

"In 1856 I built in Monticello, in this state, a store and warehouse attached. The rooms over the store were our residence, and the room over the warehouse was furnished and occupied by the brethren of Monticello lodge. Just prior to the confinement of my wife the brethren urged that I consult my wife and obtain her consent to occupy the lodge room, which had just been carpeted, and would not be used during the warm weather. Wife, on account of the retirement and quietude, approved the plan and accepted the offer.

On the 15th day of September, 1861, the boy drew the first breath of life, and beheld the first light of day in the room of Monticello lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M.

I might add that the boy in due time was initiated, passed and raised in the same above mentioned lodge."

From the remarks of the Grand Master immediately after his election the following is taken:

"Brethren, I rejoice that my beloved father, Samuel E. Adams, is here to share this pleasure and honor with me. In the early days of this Grand Lodge, he occupied the South and West, and in all probability would have graced the honored East, had he not left the line to follow the music of the fife and drum upon Southern battle fields to help keep 'Old Glory' in the sky. I love him above all other men on earth, and so you will pardon me if at this time I ask him to come forward, and be the first to take me by the hand."

The report on Correspondence was presented by Irving Todd.

Grand Master—Henry R. Adams.

Grand Secretary—Thomas Montgomery.

MISSISSIPPI.

WINONA, Feb. 17-18, 1902.

Eighty-fourth annual communication.

Present the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and the representatives of 287 lodges.

The representative of North Dakota was absent.

In Mississippi the Grand Master is not called on to render any decisions, all matters of law going directly to the Committee on Jurisprudence. It is the opinion of the writer that the custom and practice more generally in vogue is better.

Thirty-eight decisions are reported by the Committee. As of interest, the following are quoted:

2. What should be done where a member tells a candidate who is rejected, who it was, in his opinion, who cast the negative vote and whose duty is it to investigate the matter?

Answer. Charges should be preferred. It is the duty of every member in general * * * to prefer charges.

Nearly all of the other decisions refer to local conditions.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. A. H. Barkley, a fine picture of whom precedes his report.

Grand Master—Harry T. Howard.

Grand Secretary—Frederic Speed.

MISSOURI.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 21-23, 1902.

Eighty-second annual communication.

The Grand Lodge opened with representatives of 364 lodges present. The Grand Lodge of North Dakota was represented by Bro. D. A. Jamison.

No decisions are reported save such as come within the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws of Missouri. From a decision by the Deputy Grand Master, however, we are compelled to dissent:

4. If a member borrows money from the lodge *as a Mason* (the italics are mine—R. M. C.), and makes no effort or at least don't pay it back in nearly four years, can he be expelled for un-Masonic conduct?

Answer. No. It is simply a civil debt, and you have your remedy in the civil courts. There might be an exception in case fraud or moral turpitude was practised in any way.

The transaction, by the very wording of the question, is a Masonic one, and the money was loaned to the borrower *because he was a Mason* and not otherwise. All Masons are under obligation not to "cheat, wrong or defraud" the lodge, and as far as that is concerned may it not be possible that the brother when borrowing had no intention of paying back. Unless the lodge is incorporated there might be some difficulty in getting into the civil courts. In such an event, if the lodges went into the money loaning business they might easily become bankrupt, with no chance of reaching the borrowers, civilly, and in Missouri no Masonic offense has been committed even though the borrower pledged his Masonic honor.

The total membership, so far as reported, is 35,903.

In the matter of delinquent dues this Grand Lodge is in a very unbusinesslike condition. The Committee on Chartered Lodges reports the total amount outstanding as $38,038.10, or more than $1.05 for every Mason in the Jurisdiction. A table is given showing 38 lodges with a membership of 3,166, having dues outstanding to the amount of $9439.37, or $2.98 per member. The Committee says:

"Some lodges, large and small, have collected every cent of dues outstanding. Many of the best and most conservative show uncollected amounts averaging $1.00 a head and less, but what can be said of an average of outstanding dues of $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00 per capita. Yes, in one case, over $8.50 per capita."

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. John D. Vincil.

Grand Master—John C. Yocum.

Grand Secretary—John D. Vincil.

MONTANA.

BUTTE, Sept. 17-18, 1902.

Thirty-eighth annual communication.

The Grand Lodge opened with all its lodges save one represented. Whole number present 276. North Dakota was represented by Bro. Edward D. Neill.

Several decisions are reported, but most of them are constructions of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge. Others are in answer to questions very frequently passed upon by Grand Masters.

An interesting feature of this grand communication was the dedication of the beautiful temple lately erected in Butte at a cost of $85,000.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Cornelius Hedges, who has been Grand Secretary since 1872. The venerable brother takes a "fall" out of our own Frank J., and complains of the "narrow-waisted volume of proceedings," saying, "As his proceedings now come it will take 25 years to get enough together to make a volume." But what a volume you would have, Brother Hedges!

Grand Master—Frank E. Smith.

Grand Secretary—Cornelius Hedges.

NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, June 4-5, 1902.

Forty-fifth annual communication.

Two hundred and sixteen of the 236 lodges were represented at this grand communication, and the representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Bro. Jno. A. Ehrhardt, was also present.

From the twenty-one decisions reported, we take the following:

6. A subordinate lodge has no authority to make a copy of its charter in writing and have the Grand Master order the seal of the Grand Lodge placed thereon to be used in place of the charter issued by the Grand Lodge.

In the absence of the Grand Orator, an oration was delivered for him on the Grand Fundamental Principles and Truths of Masonry by Brother Blackledge. This excellent address closes with these words:

"Let us then as good Masons cultivate love of learning and understanding of the literature and history of our Craft. Let us spread the mantle of Masonic charity over all men, of whatever opinions, whether for us or against us. Make patriotic duty our measure of tribute, of loyalty and affection which we shall ever pay to our beloved land. May brotherly love and friendship be ever

present at our own assemblies, and by our own firesides, all cementing us into one common brotherhood of good friends, good citizens, good patriots, good Americans and good Masons."

The report on Correspondence is the work of Bros. Davis H. Wheeler and Charles J. Phelps.

Grand Master—Nathaniel M. Ayers.

Grand Secretary—Francis E. White.

NEVADA.

CARSON CITY, June 11-12, 1902.

Thirty-eighth annual communication.

Eighteen of the twenty lodges were represented.

The Grand Master says: "Although I have given several opinions in matters of minor importance, I have not been called upon to reader what might be termed a real decision. No doubt the excellent revision of our Masonic Code and Digest has caused the clearing up of many puzzling happenings in lodges."

Evidently our Nevada brethren have made good use of their "excellent revision."

Bro. A. D. Bird submits an interesting report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Alexander O. Percy.

Grand Secretary—Chauncey N. Noteware.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CONCORD, May 21, 1902.

One hundred and thirteenth annual communication.

This grand communication was opened with representatives of 60 of the 75 lodges present. North Dakota was represented by Bro. Edwin O. Upham.

The following are taken from the decisions of the Deputy Grand Master:

"A lodge may receive and act upon the petition of an unnaturalized resident of its jurisdiction.

"It is not the duty of the Grand Master to decide matters appertaining to Eastern Star chapters, hence I refused to make an official ruling as to whether or not one was a 'Master Mason in good standing' in order that a committee of investigation in an Eastern Star chapter might make their report upon the petition of his daughter."

The Grand Master answers the question "In voting to grant a petition for waiver of jurisdiction, must ballot be secret and unanimous?" in the affirmative.

At the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge, held Dec. 27, 1901, the several degrees were worked on separate candidates by the officers of different lodges.

Report on Correspondence by Bro. A. S. Wait.

Grand Master—Harry M. Cheney.

Grand Secretary—Frank D. Woodbury.

NEW JERSEY.

No proceedings received.

NEW MEXICO.

SANTA FE, Oct. 20-21, 1902.

Twenty-fifth annual communication.

Representatives from 16 lodges were present. North Dakota's representative was absent.

Several of the Grand Master's decisions have to do with the application of liquor dealers for membership. Unfortunately the Constitution and By-laws of New Mexico do not prohibit the initiation of such persons. The Committee in its report says that "generally speaking, persons connected in any way with the liquor business are undesirable material for our subordinate lodges." Why not get in line and legislate against them?

The Grand Master says:

"Our Order, though conservative and in a sense exclusive, is none the less eminently social. The social features of Masonry should be cultivated by lodges collectively and by individual members in all their relations of life. It is the lack of this feature which repels many who would and should give us their warm support and

co-operation. I, therefore, earnestly recommend that lodges, and the Craft generally, exert themselves to cultivate the social virtues, and especially so in extending courtesies and a warm greeting to all visitors who may ask admittance to our portals."

No fawning patronizing of the profane is intended by the Grand Master. The circumscribing influence of the compasses is not to be restricted to business dealings only. Courtesy and sociability are marks of true manhood always and everywhere, and "he who would have friends must show himself friendly."

The following resolution was adopted:

That any Master Mason made after Jan. 1, 1902, who has passed, or who shall pass, a perfect examination on the first section of the Master Mason's degree, within the time prescribed by our by-laws * * * shall be given a Master Mason's diploma at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

A resolution to abolish the system of Grand Representatives was defeated.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Past Grand Master W. H. Seamon.

Grand Master—E. A. Cahoon.

Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen.

NEW YORK.

No proceedings received.

NORTH CAROLINA.

RALEIGH, Jan. 13-15, 1903.

One hundred and sixteenth annual communication.

Two hundred and sixty-eight lodges represented.

A number of decisions are reported, but they present no new points and are all decided in accordance with the weight of authority.

From the address of the Grand Orator the following is taken:

"Masonry's constant, quiet and steady labor of love for others is her effective method of leading us into the habit and desire of doing right. I love Masonry, therefore, because she teaches that a man to be a good Mason should ever be striving to do good *with* Masonry rather than to reap financial profit from her. Ours is not a

mutual benefit organization, necessary and helpful as such an institution is in our modern civilization, to which we pay a certain amount and then under certain conditions receive a certain amount. Ours is a society that trains her members for acts of charity, for nobler deeds, for purer thoughts and for higher actions. She labors to fit her votaries for better work in the better lodge above, so that when 'the working tools of life shall drop forever from our nerveless grasp,' and our trembling souls 'shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne,' we may hear from the Judge Supreme the welcome words: 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.' "

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. John A. Collins, but North Dakota receives no notice.

Grand Master—H. I. Clark.

Grand Secretary—John C. Drewry.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 22-23, 1902.

Ninety-third annual communication.

The Committee on Credentials having reported a constitutional number of representatives of subordinate lodges present, the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, in 1901, adopted the following resolution:

That after Jan. 1, 1902, no lodge in this jurisdiction shall permit any one to visit it who does not, at the time of such visit, present a receipt for the payment of his dues for the year last past or a dimit issued to him within the twelve months preceding such visitation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, reporting on the force and effect of the resolution, says that the same was not properly adopted, and was therefore not binding on the subordinate lodges. As to the merits of the resolution the Committee says:

"The ancient charges require us, if we know a visitor, 'to be a true and genuine Brother,' 'to respect him accordingly,' and he is entitled to the right of visitation. And, according to * * * our by-laws, his Masonic standing, and therefore his right of visita-

tion is not affected by the mere failure to pay dues * * * We desire to add that we have not felt called upon to discuss, and have not therefore discussed, the right of a Lodge to refuse admission to a visitor on the objection of any member, or the wisdom or unwisdom of suitable legislation to compel the payment of dues, if indeed we need anything more than the enforcement of laws already existing.

The report of P.·. G.·. M.·. Cunningham on Foreign Correspondence is a model. It contains 16 pages on the Landmarks of Freemasonry, which we should be pleased to see in the hands of every Mason.

Grand Master—W. A. Belt.

Grand Secretary—J. H. Bromwell.

OKLAHOMA.

GUTHRIE, Feb. 10-11, 1903.

Eleventh annual communication.

Grand Lodge duly opened in Ample Form. North Dakota was represented by Bro. Earl Beebe.

Dispensations were issued for twelve new lodges.

Eighteen decisions are reported, most of which are such as Grand Masters are called upon to render every year, but particular attention is called to the following:

"No. 5. Whether one, whose business is to travel for a wholesale liquor house, or a malt liquor house, is eligible to receive the degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, or whether his vocation acts as a bar to his progress.

Answer. You have a right to receive and act on such petition, as our law only provides that the sale of intoxicating liquors "*as a beverage*" is a bar to initiating, passing and raising in a subordinate lodge."

Take in connection with the above the following:

"No. 8. Brother —— states that he is one of a committee of investigation on the petition of a brother for affiliation who is the proprietor of a saloon; that said Committee have found him to be worthy in every respect, and ask if they shall report unfavorably on that account.

Answer. Use your own judgment.

Under our law these matters, except for the degrees, rest entirely with the subordinate lodge, and while some lodges in this jurisdiction discipline a member who enters into the business of selling spiritous liquors as a beverage, others affiliate some who are in the same business."

On this latter decision the Committee on Law and Usage reported that the decision should have read: "Yes, you should report unfavorably." On motion of a member of the Committee, who did not join in the report the matter was recommitted.

The second report is as follows:

"The Committee disagree on decision number 8, three members being in favor of approving it and three members being in favor of the following: 'We believe that in view of the decisions of Past Grand Masters, which were approved by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was justified in rendering decision number 8, but we do not believe it is the law, and therefore recommend that it be disapproved.'"

The Grand Lodge believed it *was* the law, and on motion of Past Grand Master Eagelton, a member of the Committee, the ruling was approved.

From the standpoint of Masonic fitness, wherein is the saloonkeeper, who sells me a *glass* of liquor to be used as a *beverage*, worse than the representative of the wholesale house, who sells him the *barrel* of liquor from which my glass is drawn? Or why is the Mason who moves into Oklahoma and goes into the saloon business any more fit for membership in a Masonic Lodge than the profane engaged in the same business?

Brethren, come to the only logical position, and say to *all* liquor dealers, Masonic or profane: "The doors of our lodges do not open to men in your business," and if a Mason so far forgets the lessons taught him as to engage in the liquor business, compel him to choose between the Order and his business.

Nor can we agree with the Grand Lodge in approving decision number 10, wherein it is held that a minor, one month before he is twenty-one years of age, may legally sign a petition so that, if elected, he may receive the E. A. degree on the day he becomes of age. Until he has reached the age of majority one is under guardianship. In the eyes of the law he is not his own master, and while

as a matter of sentiment it is pleasing to see a young man enter simultaneously upon the duties and obligations of manhood and Masonry, yet it is far more fit that one should have reached the age of majority before he petitions a lodge for membership. The great weight of Masonic authority is opposed to the action of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Jas. H. Hunt. The present "higher and longer flight," Bro. Hunt, is not for the sake of trying our wings, but because of the occasion.

Grand Master—S. P. Larsh.

Grand Secretary—Jas. H. Hunt.

OREGON.

PORTLAND, June 11-13, 1902.

Fifty-second annual communication.

Ninety-six lodges were represented. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present, among whom was Bro. J. C. Moreland, North Dakota's representative.

In the course of his address Grand Master Grace says:

"At the suggestion of members of the Committee on Jurisprudence, endorsed by several of the Past Grand Masters, I did, on the 26th day of April, 1902, in the presence of a number of brethren, assembled in the Scottish Rite Hall, in the city of Portland, exercise the Ancient Prerogative of Grand Masters, by making Masons at sight of two well known and highly esteemed citizens of Portland, to-wit: Cyrus A. Dalph and Solomon Hirsch, conferring upon them the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, with complete lectures and instruction. The purpose of this action was to exemplify the ancient law and usage, which has been assailed in other jurisdictions, and to impress the fact that the Masonic Fraternity of Oregon adheres to one and all of the Landmarks, in which it is declared that no man or body of men can make the least innovation."

Many things may be *lawful*, but their doing may be very *inexpedient*. "It's not that I hate ye, that I bate ye," said the Irishman, "but because I have *the power*." It would seem that but little good can result to the Craft from the doing of an act, or the exer-

cising of a right *just to show that it may be done.* Even though the making of Masons at sight is the prerogative of the Grand Master, guaranteed by the Landmarks, there is nothing anywhere, in the Landmarks or out of them, which *requires* the exercising of the eighth Landmark. Whether or not this has been disputed by other jurisdictions has nothing to do with the case. If the Grand Master believed there was proper occasion for the exercise of the right, and he was fully persuaded that he was warranted in proceeding, let him as a good Mason and self-respecting Master go on and meet the occasion, answering his critics, if any there should be, *after the fact.*

But to make the occasion for the purpose stated may well be criticised. The time was, no doubt, and possibly may come again, when the exercise of this prerogative accomplished good to the Craft. No harm has come to Masonry from the fact that the practice has been all but abandoned. Far be it from me to change the Landmarks, or to deny them, but if one of them should be found in the position of "harmless disuse," for the sake of concord and in the spirit of brotherly love, let it rest in peace.

In the absence of any showing to that effect, we indulge the presumption that the required "Occasional Lodge" was duly convened.

From the address of the Grand Orator, Bro. J. H. Irvine, we take the closing words:

"Let us therefore no longer regard the builders of the sphynx and the pyramids of two continents; the temples of Yucatan, Campodia, and ancient Nippus as pagans and barbarians, but let us push upward and onward with our ancient and honorable institution, handed down to us through the process of time by them, building, if not greater structures, greater peoples with grander civilization than ever beheld by the Divine Creator on this mundane sphere."

The report on Correspondence, and it is a good one, is by Bro. J. M. Hodson.

Grand Master—W. F. Butcher.

Grand Secretary—Jas. F. Robinson.

PENNSYLVANIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27, 1902.

In no jurisdiction has the past year been more to be remembered than in Pennsylvania. Perhaps no recent Masonic event has

attracted more attention than the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the initiation of George Washington.

The celebration is best described in the words of Grand Master Tennis:

"In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, Nov. 5 witnessed the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Initiation of GEORGE WASHINGTON into the Fraternity; and so complete were the arrangements and so dignified and instructive the ceremonies as to elicit praise and congratulation from every quarter of our own jurisdiction, and from the representatives of many foreign jurisdictions who honored us with their presence. A kindly Providence seemed to vie with us to make the day befitting the occasion, and at the appointed hour, twelve o'clock noon, the Grand Officers, accompanied by Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, President of the United States, Brother WILLIAM A. STONE, Governor of Pennsylvania, and other distinguished guests, convened Grand Lodge, where the programme, previously arranged by the Committee, was fully and enjoyably carried out in the presence of 700 brethren, representing 17 jurisdictions, and 341 lodges in our jurisdiction. At four o'clock a like number of brethren assembled in the banquet rooms, where later a Table-Lodge was opened, and the responses to the various toasts, as arranged, entertained, instructed, and amused the brethren until near the midnight hour, thus closing one of the most important and successfully executed anniversaries in the history of our Grand Lodge."

It is interesting to observe that 220 lodges in the jurisdiction, with an attendance of 16,500, held simultaneous meetings to celebrate the occasion.

Well does the Grand Master say: "We cannot all be WASHINGTONS, but we can all do our duty as we understand it by using the talents GOD has given us, and the monuments we leave will attest how faithful has been our stewardship."

Forty-nine decisions are reported. Many are in the nature of construction of local Masonic laws, and all seem to be in accordance with the holdings generally. The following is at variance with the rule of North Dakota, but I am free to say that I am personally in favor of the Pennsylvania holding:

"An applicant having 'impaired vision' in one eye only, while the other is a perfect eye, can be admitted; but if he is 'practically blind' in one eye, he is physically disqualified."

The report on Correspondence is the work of Bro. James M. Lamberton. The Grand Lodge of North Dakota receives extended and favorable attention. It is to be regretted that Pennsylvania was overlooked last year in our own report, but in the future, Brother Lamberton, the Grand Lodge of our native state shall come in for her share of notice. Both Grand Master E. A. Tennis and Grand Secretary W. A. Sinn were re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND.

PROVIDENCE, May 19, 1902.

One hundred and twelfth annual communication.

"The M.·. W.·. 'The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations' assembled" with 235 members and representatives entitled to vote. Of this number 130 were Past Masters. The Representative of North Dakota was present.

No decisions are reported, but it having come to the notice of the Grand Master that it was the custom of one of the lodges in his jurisdiction to have its choir and chaplain appear in vestments during the conferring of degrees, the lodge was directed to discontinue the practice. Quite right.

There is no report on Correspondence.

Grand Master—Wm. H. Scott.

Grand Secretary—S. Penrose Williams.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 9-10, 1902.

One hundred and twenty-sixth annual communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form in the presence of the Grand Officers and 195 representatives, P.·. G.·. M.·. R. F. Driver representing North Dakota.

A growing evil is thus disposed of by the Grand Master:

"Can the Committee to whom a petition for degrees has been referred, on learning that it is likely the applicant would receive an unfavorable ballot, withhold the report, and in this way prevent action being taken by the Lodge? I ruled that it was the duty of the Committee to submit its report at the next regular communication of the lodge, unless further time was granted by the lodge for good and sufficient reason, and that in case the committee proved recalcitrant and refused to make such report, the W. M. had the power, and it was his duty to discharge the old committee and appoint a new one."

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. He gives two pages to the proceedings of North Dakota, 1901.

Grand Master W. M. Whitehead and Grand Secretary Charles Inglesby were both re-elected.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

HURON, June 10-11, 1902.

Twenty-eighth annual communication.

Representatives from 81 lodges were present. North Dakota's representative was absent.

Our Twin Grand Lodge claims to be fourteen years older than we are; she takes credit for the years of the Territorial Grand Lodge. Well, so be it.

No decisions are reported except such as are of frequent occurrence, and we fully agree with the position taken by the Grand Master.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we take the following:

"I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the remarkable record of mortality among the Grand Secretaries the past twelve months. My co-workers who have bid farewell to the lodge below and taken up their abode in 'that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens,' are:

The report on Correspondence was presented by Bro. Thos. M. Matthews, Sr., who reports that the proceedings of North Dakota had not been received.

Grand Master—W. M. Fly.

Grand Secretary—John Watson.

UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 21-23, 1903.

Thirty-second annual communication.

Ten of the eleven lodges of the jurisdiction were represented. The representatives of 41 Grand Lodges, including North Dakota, were also present.

The number of Master Masons in this jurisdiction is only 1,083, but the gain in 1892 was nearly 10 per cent—101.

From the tabular statement we glean the following per capita figures:

Grand Lodge dues, $2.13; charity, $1.56; in treasuries, $14.40; delinquent dues, $1.45.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to employ a stenographer "(who shall be a Master Mason in good standing)," to take the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and $15 was appropriated for his services.

Utah proposes to know where she is "at" on the physical disability question, and the following resolution was adopted:

"That a committee of three, to be designated by the Grand Master, be appointed to formulate a list of physical disabilities which shall disbar a candidate from receiving the degrees of Masonry within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Utah, to be submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication."

Past Grand Masters John S. Scott, William T. Dalby and A. Scott Chapman are under this responsibility. If they are not expert anatomists we feel sorry for them.

Don't do it, brethren, don't make a "list." You cannot cover every case in advance. Put it as we have it here in North Dakota, that all maimed persons are ineligible where the defect is such

"which prevents the candidate from communicaing, receiving or performing all the requirements of the several obligations and lectures, or of passing through the various ceremonies, *unaided by artificial* means."

The Grand Lodge accepted the hospitalities of the three lodges of Salt Lake City at the banquet table.

The report on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, and we appreciate the kindly commendation of our first work.

Grand Master—Walter Scott.

Grand Secretary—Christopher Diehl.

VERMONT.

BURLINGTON, June 11-12, 1902.

One hundred and ninth annual communication.

Eighty-three lodges represented, and we are pleased to notice the attendance of Bro. Chas. A. Calderwood, North Dakota's representative.

Members of lodges everywhere will find the following extract from the address of the Grand Master good reading, and to quote it is but to sow the good seed over a little wider area. He says:

"The office of Master of a Lodge is one of great importance and requires of the incumbent vastly more than the ability to learn the ritual and confer the Masonic degrees. The welfare of the lodge is in his keeping, and its success or failure is in proportion to the wisdom and discretion with which he manages its affairs. I have hinted at the necessity of a knowledge of Masonic law as practised in this jurisdiction. No one should aspire to or accept this office unless he has a fairly good knowledge of Masonic law and parliamentary procedure, and is determined by study and research to be in reality, what he is in name, Master of his lodge. The means are within the reach of all; all that is required is energy and application. The Wardens, who may be required in the absence of the Master to succeed to his duties, should feel that they require the same qualifications properly to discharge these duties. In a great measure it is the fault of the lodge itself if they are not properly governed. No

one should be elected to the East who has not shown that he possesses the necessary qualifications for that important position. A poor Warden or Senior Deacon can never make a good Master. A good Warden or Senior Deacon may not have the necessary qualifications for a good Master. For this reason the system of regular promotion, regardless of qualifications, should be abolished in every lodge, if such now exists, remembering that merit is the just title to our privileges."

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, who gives a page and a half to our 1901 proceedings.

Grand Master—Chas. R. Montague.

Grand Secretary—Henry H. Ross.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Dec. 2-4, 1902.

One hundred and twenty-fifth annual communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, and North Dakota was represented in the person of Bro. J. E. Sebrell.

An even dozen decisions are reported, but no questions of general interest are passed upon, except perhaps this: Section 273, Methodical Digest, says: "The Secretary shall furnish the dimitting brother with a dimit, signed by himself, under the seal of the lodge, whenever he shall be ordered to do so by the lodge, or by the Master." The Grand Master says: "And this I construe to mean during lodge hours. * * * and it is impossible for a Master to know if an objection will be raised except at a communication of his lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence say, and their report was adopted: "From the conclusion reached by the Grand Master in this decision we are constrained to differ. * * * Masonry is voluntary. No man who desires to leave it should or can be retained in the ranks, unless, for self-protection, he is temporarily retained for the purposes of discipline. The doors of Freemasonry are barred inwardly, but always open outwardly, and no man who desires to leave should be retained for one minute, when he is clear on the books and no charges have been preferred against him."

Every word the Committee says is true, and because it is true the logic of the matter is all with the Grand Master. His position is certainly the right one. In our review last year we criticised a Grand Lodge for taking the position that a member had no right to withdraw from the Order. No Grand Lodge has the right to say to its most humble member that he shall not sever his connection with Freemasonry or prevent his going out, as he came in, without a stigma upon him. So much is due the member *from* the Craft, but he owes it *to* the Craft that he leave as he came, with the full knowledge of the lodge of which he is a member. "Let all things be done decently, and in order."

It is our opinion that the Grand Lodge of Virginia has misconstrued her own statutes. She has certainly put herself out of harmony with the rest of the Craft on the matter of dimits. There an erring brother, knowing his fault and fearing charges may be preferred, can go to the Master of his lodge, who *must* grant the dimit. How may he be now "temporarily retained for purposes of discipline?"

The report on Correspondence by Bro. Jos. W. Eggleston makes no reference to North Dakota.

Grand Master—Ed. N. Eubank.

Grand Secretary—Geo. W. Carrington.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, June 10-12, 1902.

Forty-fifth annual communication.

One hundred and twelve lodges represented. Bro. James W. Close represented the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

The fourteen reported decisions state the Masonic law on the questions involved as the same is generally accepted.

A vast amount of business of purely local interest was disposed of.

The report on Correspondence is by P.·. G.·. M.·. Stephen J. Chadwick, who reviews the communication of 1901 of North Dakota.

In his "Conclusion" Bro. Chadwick says:

"The moral standard of Masonry is being carried to higher and higher planes. The few who would measure the worth of Masonic material by the low standard of the eighteenth century are in a vast and hopeless minority, and the time that I have spent in this pleasing work has not only established the Guild in my affections, but convinced me that to it is due the preservation of that fundamental principle, that Masonry is a science, moral and progressive."

Grand Master—John Arthur.

Grand Secretary—Thos. Milburne Reed.

WEST VIRGINIA.

FAIRMOUNT, Nov. 13-14, 1902.

One hundred and fourteen of the 120 lodges in the jurisdiction were represented as the opening of the Grand Lodge. Bro. M. Emsheimer was also present, representing North Dakota.

No one who has attended any communication of any Grand Lodge will fail to appreciate the truth of the statement of the Grand Master that "Masonry needs no apology for existing, since it can bring together from all parts of our state such a body of men as this;" nor has West Virginia any monopoly along that line.

Past Grand Master's Jewels, "at a price not to exceed $75 each," are to be presented to the retiring Grand Master "and the three oldest P.·. G.·. M.·.'s in point of service."

Thirteen special communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year for various purposes.

A 260 page report on Correspondence is from the hand of the Grand Secretary. Of all the scribes who have extended to the new member of the Guild the right hand of fellowship, none has been more hearty than Bro. Atkinson. As a side-light on this brother's character, notice his philosophy: "I have the disposition and desire to do better work, but as I grow older the days get shorter, and I am seemingly in a constant rush to keep my work ahead of me. I reckon I am growing old, but I can't help that. I often wish I could buy the time that is going to waste by men all about me; but I cannot do that. Consequently I have settled down

to the idea of doing the best I can, and all that I can, and let the Supreme Grand Master take care of the rest."

"That 'we' business is a 'back number,'" I'll admit, Brother Atkinson, but somehow or other it seems to have the best of me this year. Too much haste in the work, I'm afraid. We'll shake, however, and do better next time.

Grand Master—Eli M. Turner.

Grand Secretary—Geo. W. Atkinson.

WISCONSIN.

MILWAUKEE, June 10-11, 1902.

Fifty-eighth annual communication.

But few of the 275 lodges in this jurisdiction were unrepresented. North Dakota's representative, Bro. Alex. Meggett, was present, and among the fourteen P.·. G.·. M.·.'s present, we are pleased to see the name of our friend Fred Ring, the little "English Yankee" of La Crosse.

Sixteen decisions are reported. The following are quoted as of interest:

"3. A lodge cannot receive the original petition of a man who has removed from its jurisdiction. Residence is lost the day he moves with the avowed intention of becoming a resident of another locality."

"4. A lodge has the right to ballot on the petition of a candidate who moves from its jurisdiction after the reception and reference of the petition, but prior to the ballot."

The Committee on Jurisprudence well says:

"As to granting a dispensation to enable a lodge to attend a church service in Masonic clothing, we are of opinion that the M.·. W.·. Grand Master has power to grant such dispensation, but we doubt the propriety of making a Masonic display in connection with the sacred duty of devotion."

A form of petition for degrees to be used throughout the jurisdiction was presented and recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence. The only exception which can possibly be taken is that the report of the Committee on Character is part and parcel of the form. It is the opinion of the writer that no petition should at any

time have endorsed on it either the names of the committee or their report. Nor should the minutes of a lodge show the report of a committee other than that "the committee on the petition of——reported, and the ballot being spread," etc. The form of report adopted by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin is the best we have seen, and if printed separately, to be pinned to the petition and destroyed after the ballot is taken, could be well used by all lodges. Why should the petitioner be advised as to the form of the committee's report or the number of the committee or any other matter of procedure?

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased $300 per annum.

On June 27, 1902, after the close of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Melvin L. Youngs passed away. Brother Youngs was for 45 years Grand Lecturer of Wisconsin, and the "noblest Roman of them all." We of North Dakota gratefully acknowledge the benefits of his labors.

The report on Correspondence is from P.·. G.·. M.·. Aldro Jenks, who reviews our 1901 communication.

Grand Master—D. McL. Miller.

Grand Secretary—W. W. Perry.

WYOMING.

RAWLINS, Sept. 3, 1902.

Twenty-eighth annual communication.

Fourteen of the 18 lodges represented. Several decisions are reported, from which we quote:

"What is the age limit, and is it all right to receive an application from a man who is 52 years old?

"Yes. There is no limitation as regards age, measured by years. The only limitation being 'an old man in dotage.'"

In another decision this sentence is found, "Should the W. M. resign, then the lodge can elect another to fill the office." May an officer of a lodge in Wyoming *resign*? As we understand Masonic Jurisprudence the contrary doctrine is universally held.

The Grand Secretary presented the report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1901 are courteously reviewed.

Grand Master—C. N. Potter.

Grand Secretary—Wm. L. Kuykendall.

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At the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, held in Fargo, June 23rd and 24th, 1903, the following officers were elected, appointed and installed:

ELECTED.

JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35), M.·. W.·. Grand Master.....Address, Walhalla
JAMES W. FOLEY (5), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.....Bismarck
JOHN SCOTT (29), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden.....Oakes
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden.....Hope
CLINTON D. LORD (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.....Park River
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1), R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.....Fargo

APPOINTED.

LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7), W.·. Grand Chaplain.....Valley City
GRANT S. HAGER (30), W.·. Grand Senior Deacon.....St. Thomas
JOHN RIESSBECK (32), W.·. Junior Grand Deacon.....Dickinson
SYLVESTER J. HILL (1), W.·. Senior Grand Steward.....Fargo
HALFDAN BENDEKE (4), W.·. Junior Grand Steward.....Grand Forks
JOHN J. HULL (15), W.·. Grand Marshal.....Wahpeton
JOSEPH M. STEWART (55), W.·. Grand Sword Bearer.....Mayville
JAMES L. GREEN (39), W.·. Grand Pursuivant.....Sheldon
THOMAS J. SHARP (50), W.·. Grand Lecturer.....Walhalla
WALTER A. LAIDLAW (34), W.·. Grand Tyler.....Langdon

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Mathew Buchanan (30).....as W.·. Grand Marshal
Joseph M. Stewart (55).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Charles H. Baker (21).....as W.·. Grand Tyler

The Grand Secretary, reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W.·. Bro. John Riessbeck (32) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: W.·. Bro. Wilson L. Richards (32), W.·. Bro. George A. Best (50), W.·. Bro. Thomas Sims (44).

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Wilson L. Richards (32), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials reports as follows:

We find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, members of standing committees and representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

(See officers at opening.)

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
John F. Selby (10).....Past Grand Master
James McDonald (11).....Past Grand Master
George L. McGregor (6).....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....Past Grand Master
Thomas E. Fox (47).....Past Senior Grand Warden
James S. Campbell (1).....Past Junior Grand Warden
William A. Bentley (5).....Past Grand Treasurer
George A. Luce (27).....Past Grand Treasurer
John J. Freeman (32).....Past Grand Treasurer
Charles A. Harris (11).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—M.·. W.·. John F. Selby (10), M.·. W.·. James McDonald (11), M.·. W.·. George L. McGregor (6), M.·. W.·. George H. Keyes (13), M.·. W.·. Walter L. Stockwell (11).

Finance—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. E. George Guthrie (3), W.·. Robert Morrison (2), W.·. Frank H. Sprague (11), W.·. Charles A. Tuttle (37).

Grievances and Appeals—W.·. John McDonald (28), W.·. Halley V. Hicks (29), W.·. Thomas Harrison (10), W.·. Charles K. Wing (38), W.·. George F. Erskine (35).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....George W. Wasem, W.·. M.·.
Gilbert C. Grafton, S.·. W.·.
Jacob Lowell, Jr., J.·. W.·.
Pembina No. 2.....Frank M. King, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.;* J.·. W.·.*
Casselton No. 3.....Not represented.
Acacia No. 4.....William Spriggs, W.·. M.·.
Charles Allen, S.·. W.·.
George E. Duis, J.·. W.·.
Bismarck No. 5.....G. F. Dullam, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Jamestown No. 6.....Not represented.
Valley City No. 7.....Not represented.
Mandan No. 8.....Lewis Hill, W.·. M.·.
Anson Bartlett, S.·. W.·.,** J.·. W.·.**
Cereal No. 9.....Herbert W. Kiff, W.·. M.·.
Wallace W. Heffron, S.·. W.·.,** J.·. W.·.**

Hillsboro No. 10.....Jorgen Howard, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Crescent No. 11.....Fred Worthing, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Sheyenne Valley No. 12.....Walter L. Williamson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Ellendale No. 13.....Jochim Lohse, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Sanborn No. 14.....William McKean, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
William O. Green, J.·. W.·.
Wahpeton No. 15.....Sidney Cohen, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Walter L. Carter, S.·. W.·.**
North Star No. 16.....Victor S. Wisner, W.·. M.·.
George W. Mowris, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Minto No. 17.....John Miller, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Mackey No. 18.....Stillman E. Brown, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Byron N. Stone, J.·. W.·.**
Goose River No. 19.....Not represented.
Hiram No. 20.....Charles C. Williams, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Wesley J. Morrish, S.·. W.·.
Minnewaukan No. 21.....Charles H Baker, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Tongue River No. 22.....Edward Busse.**
Bathgate No. 23.....Alexander Morrison, W.·. M.·.
Robert Carson, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Euclid No. 24.....Not represented.
Anchor No. 25.....Dennis L. Warriner.**
Golden Valley No. 26.....William E. Hoover, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Occidental No. 27.....George A. Luce.**
Forest River No. 28.....William E. Muir, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Hope No. 29.....William Mills, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Temple No. 30.....Mathew Buchanan, W.·. M.·.
Benjamin L. Lewis, S.·. W.·.
Thomas A. Miller, J.·. W.·.
Golden Fleece No. 31.....Hero H. Taylor, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Dickinson No. 32.....Wilson L. Richards, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Star in the West No. 33.....Johan W. Rode.**
Lebanon No. 34.....John Rylance, W.·. M.·.
Hugh McDowall, S.·. W.·.
William Simmons, J.·. W.·.**
Hamilton No. 35.....David J. Parks, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
St. Johns No. 36.....Robert B. Warren, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Fairmount No. 37.....Thomas Jacobson, W.·. M.·.,** S.·. W.·.**
Elmer W. Wetherbee, J.·. W.·.**
Crystal No. 38.....Martin Krath.**

Mizpah No. 39.....James L. Green, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Cando No. 40.....Forrest Vaughn, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Maple River No. 41.....Charles Gunthrop, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Reynolds No. 42.....Benjamin Lavalley, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Mouse River No. 43.....Evarts C. Stevens.**
Tuscan No. 44.....Thomas Sims, W.·. M.·.
William R. McIntosh, S.·. W.·.**
John H. G. Turner, J.·. W.·.
Northern Light No. 45.....William Glass, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Evergreen No. 46.....Abram Lent, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Willow No. 47.....Frank Sims, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Milton No. 48.....Albert T. Helgesen, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Liberty No. 49.....Not represented.
Walhalla No. 50.....George A. Best, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Alexander H. Allen, J.·. W.·.**
Mount Moriah No. 51.....Willard B. Overson, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Seneca Brownell, S.·. W.·.**
Fidelity No. 52.....John R. Hogg, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Harmony No. 53.....William R. Movius, W.·. M.·.
William I. Irvine, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Welcome No. 54.....Hans A. Moe, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Dacotah No. 55.....Robert L. Kenney, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Clarence H. Robison, J.·. W.·.**
Aurora No. 56.....Frank A. Cousins, W.·. M.·.
Charles E. Tillson, S.·. W.·.**
Robert A. Bill, J.·. W.·.**
Hankinson No. 57.....William E. Spotten, W.·. M.·.,** S.·. W.·.**
Eugene L. Kinney, J.·. W.·.
Khurum No. 58.....Robert L. McLean, W.·. M.·.
L. George Bardell, S.·. W.·.**
William W. Erb, J.·. W.·.
Independence No. 59.....John W. Hilborn, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Century No. 60.....John E. Bennett, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
William E. Radtke, J.·. W.·.
Devotion No. 61.....Aloys Wartner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Hunter No. 62.....W. Clyde Gamble, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Dickey No. 63.....John Warner, W.·. M.·.
Henry D. Bloss, S.·. W.·.
William V. Johns, J.·. W.·.
Ionic No. 64.....Charles A. Gilbert, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*

Rugby No. 65.....Charles B. Hughes, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Rolla No. 66.....John E. Brown, W.·. M.·.,** S.·. W.·.** Courtland R. Gailfus, J.·. W.·.
Leeds No. 67.....William H. Thomas.**
Prudence U.·. D.·.. .....William E. Johnson, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Ashlar U.·. D.·. .....Charles O. Piatt, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Kenmare U.·. D.·. .....William H. Campbell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Wimbledon U.·. D.·. .....Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Berthold U.·. D.·. .....Not represented.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Arizona .....Thomas E. Fox (47).
Arkansas .....William McKean (14).
Belgium .....Leonard A. Rose (1).
California .....Thomas Harrison (10).
Canada .....Alexander B. Taylor (1).
Colorado .....John Holmes (7).
Connecticut .....Lewis Hill (8).
Delaware .....Walter L. Stockwell (11).
Egypt .....Leonard A. Rose (1).
England .....Frank J. Thompson (1).
Florida .....Stillman E. Brown (18).
Georgia .....Louis B. Hanna (20).
Illinois .....E. George Guthrie (3).
Indiana .....John J. Hull (15).
Ireland .....Charles Allen (4).
Kansas .....John F. Selby (10).
Louisiana .....Thomas L. Foulks (12).
Maine .....Charles A. Harris (11).
Michigan .....Aurelius L. Wall (1).
Minnesota .....William A. Bentley (5).
Mississippi .....George L. McGregor (6).
Missouri .....George A. Luce (27).
Nevada .....Walter L. Williamson (12).
New Brunswick .....Louis A. Jacobson (27).
New York .....Sylvester J. Hill (1).

*And proxy for Master or Wardens.

**Not an officer, but representing lodge or proxy for Master or Wardens.

North Carolina .....James McDonald (11).
New South Wales.....Herbert J. Gibson (1).
Ohio .....James W. Foley (5).
Peru .....John F. Selby (10).
South Australia .....John McDonald (28).
South Carolina .....Francis Ingalls (6).
South Dakota .....Frank J. Thompson (1).
Scotland .....Alexander C. Mather (4).
Tennessee .....Grant S. Hager (30).
Vermont .....George H. Phelps (1).
Victoria .....James T. Blacklock (35).
Wisconsin .....Evarts C. Stevens (43).

Fraternally submitted,

WILSON L. RICHARDS (32),
GEORGE A. BEST (50),
THOMAS SIMS (44),
Committee.

The hour being 12:30, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 2 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

Carried.

INVITATION.

W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers be appointed, to whom shall be referred the several reports without further action.

Carried.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced as such committee: W.·. Bro. William Spriggs (4), W.·. Bro. Alexander Morrison (23), R.·. W.·. Bro. George A. Luce (27), Bro. Jorgen Howard (10), W.·. Bro. Frank M. King (2).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. James T. Blacklock (35), Grand Master, then read his annual address.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Fifteen years ago those lodges of Dakota Territory situated in what is now North Dakota separated from the territorial Grand Lodge and formed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. There are, perhaps, not more than a half dozen present who knew from actual experience the Grand Lodge of territorial days. At that time we had thirty chartered lodges, and one lodge U.·. D.·. Then our membership was only 1,322, now we have 67 chartered lodges and 5 U.·. D.·., with a membership of 4,847. To add to this showing is the fact, which should be gratifying to us all, that no lodge in this grand jurisdiction has surrendered its charter during the existence of this Grand Lodge. When I note the history of our Grand Body, the harmony which has existed among the lodges and the brethren, my heart feels reinforced to bid you a hearty welcome to this our Fifteenth Annual Communication, and believe, with a firm conviction, that the business and transactions of the communication upon which we are entering will be, as all other communications have been, full of harmony, fraternal feelings and good fellowship. I hope the day will never come when our meetings shall be marred by discord, factional strife, or unfraternal ambition; or when shall be lost from sight the fact that we are Masons, and as such owe more to one another than to the world at large.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Before entering upon the details of my own acts, let me call to mind that sorrow has been summoned forth by the death of eminent Masons in

sister Grand Jurisdictions, a note of which will be the work of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, and that from our own midst thirty members of lodges have heard the gavel sound for the last time, and the solemn tunes of the funeral chime have beaten upon hearts burdened with the sorrow of death.

DEDICATION.

I was invited to be present and take charge of the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Bottineau, but, finding my civil official duties preventing, I requested our ever willing and loyal brother, James McDonald, Past Grand Master, to act for me, which he did, and the following is his report:

GRAFTON, N. D., Jan. 11, 1904.

JAMES T. BLACKLOCK, Esq.,
Grand Master A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'.

Dear Sir and Bro.: In accordance with your request, I went to Bottineau and dedicated their beautiful new Masonic Temple. I was accompanied from Grand Forks by Bro. J. H. Bossard. I was met at Devils Lake by Rev. Jones, who acted as Grand Chaplain for the dedication ceremonies. I was met at the station by a number of the brethren, and escorted to the hotel. After supper we were taken up to the temple, which I found complete in all its parts. After dedicating the same we were treated to a very fine musical program, after which we were ushered into the banquet hall, which was, I think, the grandest I ever witnessed. After partaking of the many good things there, toasts were responded to by a number of prominent Masons. I was invited by the brethren to remain over the following night when the Third Degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. Too much praise cannot be given W.'. Bro. Thomas Sims for his proficiency in the work. I look forward to a great future for Tuscan Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES McDONALD,
Past Grand Master.

LODGE CONSTITUTED.

Only one lodge was granted a charter last year by our Grand Lodge. This was to Leeds Lodge No. 67. On Sept. 21, 1903, in company with the Grand Lecturer, Thomas J. Sharp, I went to Leeds, constituted that lodge and installed its officers. In the afternoon the Grand Lecturer held a school of instruction, at which were present members of Cando Lodge No. 40, Rugby Lodge No. 65, Welcome Lodge No. 54, of Churchs Ferry, and Evergreen Lodge No. 46, of Minnewaukan.

The ceremonies of dedication and installation were public, and were held in the evening. The ceremonies were followed by a fine literary entertainment and a sumptuous banquet. The brethren at Leeds are certainly entertainers, and, judging from the quality of the officers and members of the new lodge, I feel assured of a prosperous future for it, and that it will be a power for good in its jurisdiction.

INVITATION.

I received a cordial invitation to be present at the one hundredth raising in North Star Lodge No. 16, at Larimore, but was unable to accept. The occasion was, I understand, one of pleasure and profit to those who had the good fortune to attend.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I appointed the following brothers to represent our Grand Lodge near others:

July 21, 1903, Wilber F. Smith, New Hampshire.
Feb. 2, 1904, Donald Gow, New York.
Apr. 11, 1904, Elbridge G. Heath, Maine.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted a number of dispensations for various purposes, among the most numerous of which was the election of officers—due, no doubt, to the change of time in the election of officers.

GRAND ORATOR.

Agreeably to the action of our Grand Lodge at its last annual session creating the office of Grand Orator, I appointed M.·. W.·. Walter L. Stockwell Past Grand Master, and presume that he is ready to perform the duties of his office.

GRAND LECTURER.

Before the close of our last annual communication, I appointed Bro. Thomas J. Sharp, of Walhalla Lodge, to the office of Grand Lecturer. This appointment received the hearty approval of Bro. John Scott, his predecessor. During the winter, finding that Brother Sharp was not entering upon the duties of his office, I repeatedly urged him to correspond with the lodges and make preparations for holding schools of instructions. I met with such protests of good faith, and promises to go to work, that I was unwittingly put off until too late to make practicable the appointment of another Grand Lecturer. To say that I am disappointed is to put it in its mildest form, but my greatest consolation is in knowing that the general degree of excellence in the work is so great among the lodges that, perhaps, no real harm has come from it.

REMOVAL OF GRAND SENIOR WARDEN, BRO. JOHN SCOTT.

It is with reluctance that I report the permanent removal of our Grand Senior Warden, R.·. W.·. Bro. John Scott, from our Grand Jurisdiction. His faithful services as Grand Lecturer, and later as our Grand Senior Warden, makes his retirement from our midst one of genuine regret.

CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 38.

Last year our Grand Secretary and myself were made a committee by this Grand Lodge to straighten out the difficulties which were clustering about Crystal Lodge. Acting in harmony with our Grand Secretary, I had some correspondence with the brethren at Crystal, and finally visited that lodge on Feb. 19, 1904, in company with the Grand Lecturer. I found that no officers had been elected, and that the fraternal spirit was lying at death's door. In the afternoon I convened the lodge, gave permission to elect and install officers. It was a case of factional disturbance growing largely out of the fact that it had too great a burden to bear in the way of rental for hall. To make a long story short, the factions gave to each other the strong grip, and breathed into the ear of the fraternal spirit the breath of brotherly love, and it became again a living perpendicular. The dues and fees of last year have been paid, as well as the dues and fees for the year just closed. Good material is now coming into the lodge, and it seems in a good way to be numbered with the prosperous lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction. In consideration of the evidences of good faith, I would recommend the fine of $5.00, imposed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, be remitted.

WELCOME LODGE NO. 54.

Welcome Lodge No. 54, at Churchs Ferry, for conferring degrees for less than the minimum fee was suspended by our Grand Lodge until such time as it should make proper charges for the degrees. The Grand Secretary informing me that that lodge had complied with our by-laws relative to the proper fee, and had remitted the arrears due to the difference of the fee, on Aug. 19, 1903, I authorized said lodge to resume its labors.

NEW LODGES.

During the year dispensations have been granted for five new lodges. In each instance the petition, and all accompanying papers, were according to our rules and regulations, as follows:

Prudence Lodge, Cogswell, N. D., Aug. 1, 1903. H. L. Saylor, W.·. M.·.; Wm. E. Johnson, S.·. W.·.; Albert Peterson, J.·. W.·.

Ashlar Lodge, Granville, N. D., Oct. 20, 1903. Charles O. Piatt, W.·. M.·.; W. H. Nelson, S.·. W.·.; Richard L. Richardson, J.·. W.·.

Kenmare Lodge, Kenmare, N. D., Dec. 15, 1903. Wm. H. Campbell, W.·. M.·.; Wm. H. Makee, S.·. W.·.; John N. Fox, J.·. W.·.

Wimbledon Lodge, Wimbledon, N. D., Jan. 21, 1904. Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·.; Albert H. Hanson, S.·. W.·.; Arthur J. Swartwout, J.·. W.·.

Berthold Lodge, Berthold, N. D., May 31, 1904. Frederick C. Walther, W.·. M.·.; Charles C. Butler, S.·. W.·.; Charles San Galli, J.·. W.·.

Just before the session of the Grand Lodge an application was received from twenty brethren, holding dimits, to form a new lodge at Mohall, Ward

county, N. D., to be known as Mohall Lodge. The petition is regular, and is accompanied by the recommendation of Star in the West Lodge No. 33, at Minot. No reason exists, so far as I know, why a dispensation should not issue, but in view of the fact that the session of our Grand Lodge was so near at hand, and that all dispensations for new lodges cease to be of force at Grand Communication following the date of the dispensation, I deemed it more prudent to let the matter be one for our incoming Grand Master to attend.

WORDS OF SYMPATHY.

It was with regret that I learned of the death of the wife of Bro. Thomas Harrison, one of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals. This loss, when the shadows of life are setting long, is one that touches the hearts of every reflective person. I feel that every one here has for Brother Harrison, in this his great sorrow, words of comfort and feelings of sympathy.

"NORTH DAKOTA FREEMASON."

"The North Dakota Freemason" is a publication that the brethren of the state should support; for Bro. Charles B. Hughes is an earnest and enthusiastic Mason, and should be supported in his laudable undertaking.

LIBRARY.

We who have come here from year to year have ever been interested in the growth of our Grand Lodge Library. Each year brings new surprises, and those who were here last year will note the improvement since then—not only the new books, but the interesting relics on display.

It is not necessary for me to say that credit is due to our Grand Secretary for its present fine and interesting condition. I believe it to be with him a labor of love, for the compensation attached to this part of his work is now no greater than when we had practically no library, and our records show that he donates yearly a large part of that salary to the benefit of the library. It is true that each lodge cannot have the full benefit of the library, but that is true of every institution which is located at some one place, yet when the occasion demands, our Grand Lodge has a repository of knowledge which is free to all who may desire its benefit.

Inasmuch as the labor involved in keeping up the library has greatly increased, I would recommend that a greater compensation be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services as Librarian.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Affiliation Fee—After careful consideration, I fraternally make the following recommendations:

That our Grand Lodge enact, by resolution or by-law, a prohibition against any charge for affiliation. I do this because I understand that some

of our lodges are making a charge for affiliation. I believe that the utmost encouragement should be given to bring non-affiliated Masons into membership. The charge often makes a hardship, for when dues are paid for the year in the lodge from which dimitted it not only makes double dues, but adds the burden of a fee.

Exceeding Appropriations—I further recommend that the resolution, found on page 113, Grand Lodge Code, under "Now Standing Resolutions," relating to the restriction put upon officers of this Grand Lodge exceeding the specific appropriation without first obtaining the consent of the Finance Committee, be rescinded.

I can make this recommendation with good grace because I am about to retire from the office of Grand Master, and shall never have occasion to run foul of the resolution. My reasons are that it abridges the prerogatives of the Grand Master and confers upon a committee that which of right belongs to him. If the Grand Master is not permitted to sign a warrant for an expenditure which for some unforeseen reason has exceeded an appropriation, which must, least in most cases, be only an estimate of the expenditure, without asking the Finance Committee, then he could as well be restrained from rendering a decision without getting the consent of a majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence. This question cannot involve nor affect any officer but the Grand Master, for no money can be drawn out of the treasury, appropriated or not, without his consent, and without his signature, and I believe it to be a reflection upon every Grand Master who has served since the resolution was passed, and who may serve while it remains in force.

Jurisprudence Committee—I further recommend that section six of our Grand Lodge By-Laws, which say that the Jurisprudence Committee be limited to five, shall hereafter be followed. There is no law stating that the Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of Past Grand Masters, but out of a custom Past Grand Masters have been appointed, and, owing to our age, it has been customary to put all the Past Grand Masters who are residents of our Grand Jurisdiction upon this committee. We are making one Past Grand Master yearly. We now have eight upon that committee, and it is too large. If the custom is followed, next year there will be nine; and in ten years more, nineteen.

DECISIONS.

During my term of office I have been called upon to decide many questions. A large number were answered by simply referring the brothers to our code of laws. I herewith submit those which involve a new or a further application of our laws, and some which were answered merely by reference to existing laws. These latter are given more to emphasize our present regulations than to meet the necessity of reporting them.

Decision 1—Statement of Facts:

The lodge at "A" received, elected and conferred the degrees of Masonry upon a candidate who had been rejected by a lodge at "B," both

in our Grand Jurisdiction—the candidate stating in his petition that he had never been rejected by any lodge of Masons.

The lodge asks: "Can a local lodge discipline a member who states in his application (for degrees) that he has not been rejected by any lodge of Masons, but which was subsequently found to be untrue, he having been rejected by a lodge in our own Grand Jurisdiction?"

Answer:

A member of a lodge who has made a false statement in his application is subject to discipline by his lodge.

In the case at hand the offense is unusually grave; for it was not only an imposition upon the lodge conferring the degrees, but an infringement upon the rights of the rejecting lodge.

Under our law, if a candidate be rejected by a lodge in our own Grand Jurisdiction he remains the timber of the rejecting lodge so long as he remains a resident of our state. In the matter under consideration, the lodge conferring the degrees as stated could not legally receive the petition of the offending member, much more confer the degrees upon him, therefore, the offending member was never legally made a Master Mason for want of jurisdiction, and he should be subjected to penalties accordingly.

The lodge further asks: "If subject to discipline, what mode of procedure, and what sentence, would probably be sustained by Grand Lodge?"

Answer:

The mode of procedure is laid down by our Grand Lodge in its Code of Laws, page 52, etc. As to "what sentence would probably be sustained by Grand Lodge," I don't know. If there were no extenuating circumstances, and the deceit was intentional, I believe the Grand Lodge will be in no mood to temporize with the offense, or with a sentence not equal in degree to the crime committed.

Decision 2—Statement:

A member of a lodge at "A" was killed at "B," at which place was also located a lodge. The Master of the lodge at "B" telephoned the Master of the lodge at "A" to ascertain what that lodge would do. Afterwards the Master of the lodge at "B" telephoned to the Senior Warden at "A" informing him that the wife of the deceased brother had requested a Catholic funeral, and nothing was required.

Three months afterwards the lodge at "A" was informed that the casket and the digging of the grave had not been paid for, and that it was for the lodge at "A" to pay. It seems from the statement that the Master of the lodge at "B" understood that he was authorized to go ahead and make arrangements for the burial, which he did.

The question asked is what was the Masonic duty of the lodge at "A."

Answer:

Not having the statement of the Master at "B," it places me in a position of deciding the matter *ex parte*.

If the lodge at "A" did not authorize the expenses it is not obliged to pay them.

If the Master at "B" was reasonably led to believe from what was said to him relative to the expenses that he was to go ahead, then it is for the lodge at "A" to pay.

There is a fundamental principle involved in the matter which appears to have been lost sight of. Masonry stands for benevolence, relief and charity, but it does not dispense them in the commercial or mechanical method adopted by many other fraternal societies. It adapts itself to the circumstances of each case, and tries to meet all reasonable demands. A lodge is not called upon, nor should it enter upon funeral or other expenses, unless the call is made through distress or poverty. In other words, it should not bear any expenses of a funeral unless the brother's family cannot pay them, or that the paying of them would entail a hardship upon the family, except carriages to convey pall-bearers or officers when the funeral is held by Masons. It does not appear that the wife of the deceased brother had called upon the Masons for help, nor that she was not able to purchase the casket herself. If she were, then the furnishing them by the lodge was not at all necessary, to say the least.

The fact that the wife picked out the coffin, or that the brother was buried by the Catholics, cuts no figure in the case. Masonry has no controversy with any religion. Its object is to help one another, and to extend aid to the widows and orphans.

I would advise that the lodge at "A" and the lodge at "B" take up the matter in a fraternal spirit, and see if they cannot come to some satisfactory agreement. If they cannot, then it would be well for all parties to submit the case to the Committee of Grievances and Appeals with full hearing at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Decision 3—Statement:

The lodge at "A" was requested by the lodge at "B" to confer upon an F. C. the degree of Master Mason. The brother was then a resident in the jurisdiction of the lodge at "A." After receiving the request, whether before or after action of the lodge at "A" is not stated, a member of the lodge at "A" wired the lodge that he objected to the conferring of the degree upon the brother, no reason being given for the objection.

Question:

Can a member of a lodge, requested to do work for another as a matter of courtesy, have the right or the power to prevent the work by simple objection?

Answer:

No. This question is fully covered by the decision of Grand Master Carothers, 1898, page 119, Code of Masonic Law of the State.

Decision 4—Statement:

An Entered Apprentice, elected and made in a lodge at "A," moves into the jurisdiction of a lodge at "B."

Question:

Does the Lodge at "A" lose jurisdiction over him because of the removal from its jurisdiction?

Answer:

No. He is the material of the lodge at "A" until he dimits, and he cannot dimit until he is a Master Mason.

Decision 5:

Does the loss of one eye disqualify a person from becoming a Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer:

No. See page 72 of the Code of Masonic Laws of the State, under approved decision. Decision made by Grand Master Cloes, page 72, Masonic Code, covers the question squarely, and the decision by McGregor, 1895, page 73, Code, and by Carothers, made 1897-8, and found in appendix to our Code, cover this point generally.

Decision 6—Statement:

A ballot was taken upon petition for degrees, and, after it had been declared favorable, it was discovered that the ballot box contained no black cubes. Upon the discovery, the Worshipful Master asked if it was the desire of any one to have a new ballot taken. No one responded, but lest there should be a question as to the legality of the ballot, another ballot was ordered, resulting in the rejection of the candidate.

Question:

Is the ballot upon an application for degrees legal if the ballot box contains no black cubes, thus limiting a member's privilege to cast a black cube if he so desires? If the first ballot was legal, would not the second ballot stand as though it had not been taken?

Answer:

A ballot taken without black cubes, in my opinion, is not legal, as it deprives a brother of the right to cast a black ball if so inclined, and every brother has the right to do so under our laws.

Decision 7—Statement:

A member of a lodge at "A" was expelled. He moved permanently out of its jurisdiction, and, as well, out of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

Question:

Has the lodge at "A" lost jurisdiction over the expelled member by virtue of his removal from the jurisdiction of the lodge?

Answer:

No.

Question:

The expelled member asks for reinstatement. Can it be done, and how?

Answer:

The only way an expelled Mason can be reinstated to membership is by petition, in the same manner as a profane; his petition taking the same course as an applicant for the mysteries of our Order, when, if received, he must be reobligated to the performance of every Masonic duty. See Chapter VI, under "Status of One Expelled," page 59, Masonic Code of this Grand Lodge.

Decision 8—Question:

A brother is indefinitely suspended by his lodge. What procedure is necessary to reinstate him? Must it be by ballot or by two-thirds vote?

Answer:

On page 59 of our Masonic Code, under "Reinstatement Under Suspension," we find that a petition for restoration shall have the same proceedings as in the case of a brother applying for admission. Section 46, page 37, By-Laws of our Grand Lodge, explicitly states that "two-thirds vote of the members present shall be required." The question raised was whether one adverse vote would reject the applicant. My construction of these two sections is that the rule on page 59 simply refers to the manner in which a petition for restoration from suspension shall be received; that is, the petition is received by the lodge and lies over four weeks, the same as a petition for affiliation; that section 46, page 37, covers the majority which the petition must receive in order to effect a restoration, which is a two-thirds majority.

CONCLUSION.

The time is drawing near when another will succeed me as I have succeeded my predecessor, and I wish to state that I have keenly felt the honor of presiding as your Grand Master, and have tried to so govern my acts and control the affairs of the Grand Lodge that none of the lustre of the past may in any way be dimmed. The effort has been easy, for I was buoyed up by the good spirit of fraternity, which I found on every hand. I wish to thank the officers and brethren for their courtesy and kindness, and especially our worthy Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, and I hope he may long be spared to occupy the position he now holds with so much credit to himself and to the Grand Lodge.

Finally, brethren, let us ever remember that Masons owe a patriotic duty to the government, and obedience to the laws of the country in which they live. No one has ever rightfully impugned the patriotism of our Order, or cast stigma or shame upon its emblems. Masonry has always been allied with justice and right, and, notwithstanding a belief among some to the contrary, it gives no aid nor comfort to him who willfully violates the laws of the land.

Fraternally,

JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),

Grand Master

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26) then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of my office for the fiscal year ending June 27, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

1903.		
June 22.	Balance on hand as per last report	$6,864.38
1904.		
May 24.	Received from Grand Secretary	140.42
June 6.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 23.	Received from interest on Grand Lodge funds	100.00
June 27.	Received from Grand Secretary, dues and fees 1904	5,204.75
		$12,329.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

1903.		
June 24.	Paid by Order No. 199	$866.60
July 7.	Paid by Order No. 195	10.00
July 7.	Paid by Order No. 196	15.25
July 7.	Paid by Order No. 197	200.00
July 7.	Paid by Order No. 198	107.00
July 7.	Paid by Order No. 200	20.00
July 30.	Paid by Order No. 201	100.00
July 30.	Paid by Order No. 202	200.00
July 30.	Paid by Order No. 203	107.00
Aug. 29.	Paid by Order No. 204	250.00
Aug. 29.	Paid by Order No. 205	107.00
Oct. 7.	Paid by Order No. 206	107.00
Oct. 15.	Paid by Order No. 207	100.00
Nov. 4.	Paid by Order No. 208	107.00
Dec. 2.	Paid by Order No. 209	100.00
Dec. 2.	Paid by Order No. 210	107.00
1904.		
Jan. 2.	Paid by Order No. 211	107.00
Feb. 8.	Paid by Order No. 212	107.00
Feb. 8.	Paid by Order No. 213	200.00
Feb. 29.	Paid by Order No. 214	107.00
Mch. 31.	Paid by Order No. 215	100.00
Mch. 31.	Paid by Order No. 216	107.00
May 2.	Paid by Order No. 217	107.00
May 6.	Paid by Order No. 218	8.75

May 6.	Paid by Order No. 219	100.00	
June 2.	Paid by Order No. 220	300.00	
June 2.	Paid by Order No. 221	100.00	
June 2.	Paid by Order No. 222	107.00	
June 11.	Paid by Order No. 223	17.87	
June 11.	Paid by Order No. 224	128.36	
June 11.	Paid by Order No. 225	50.00	
June 23.	Paid by Order No. 226	30.34	
June 27.	Balance cash on hand	8,148.38	
			$12,329.55

Fraternally submitted,
CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) then submitted his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I herewith submit my twelfth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The chartered lodges and the lodges under dispensation have all sent in their returns. Only two lodges failed to get their reports and money to the Grand Secretary's office before the time limit of May 15th. One was due to a fire, which destroyed the lodge's records; the other, to the fact that the Master was away, and the Secretary, not knowing that in the absence of the Master the Senior Warden could have signed the returns, or, in the absence of both, the Junior Warden could have signed, waited until the time limit had passed before sending in the report.

Notwithstanding the fact that very exhaustive and detailed printed instructions were sent out with the returns, the amount of correspondence to get them in proper shape was greatly beyond what one would naturally believe necessary to accomplish this end. My letter book from April 19th to the close of the return work shows three hundred pages of letter copies, most of which were pertaining to corrections for the returns, and many letters involved a half day of actual work in arranging, explaining and writing about the errors, or seeking the information required to complete the records. I would say that many of the letters were duplicates because I could not get the Secretaries to answer, and, in some instances, was obliged to write to the Masters in order to get replies from the Secretaries.

One of the reasons, too, which makes the return work heavy is the fact that brethren dimitting from lodges and joining others in the state will give different dates of births and birthplaces. This occurs so often that one is

inclined to believe that a large portion of Masons are not certain where or when they were born.

Out of the sixty-seven chartered lodges which sent in returns, not more than four were correct and complete in all details when received, and this does not refer to the lodges doing the heaviest work.

In some cases it was found that where a lodge had received a member by affiliation, dimitting from a lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction, the lodge which issued the dimit failed to report the dimission. This mistake would be entirely eradicated if all lodges were using the dimit books which have been approved and recommended by this Grand Lodge; for the dimit book would obviate the necessity of looking through all the minutes of the year to ascertain who had dimitted, and I believe it should be made compulsory upon every lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to use this dimit book. The failure to report a dimission, or any exit, is one of the most annoying of mistakes, because it necessitates the changing of the membership, the amount of money to be paid, and makes wrong the receipts issued by me for money received for dues and library tax.

Oftentimes, too, lodges will discover in subsequent years that the number of members reported to the Grand Lodge is incorrect, and demands are made to allow credits for dues or assessments so erroneously paid. The money thus received having been covered into the treasury and the accounts closed, your Grand Secretary has no authority to grant credits, but the demonstration of that fact entails much correspondence which could be avoided by some definite rule adopted by the Grand Lodge, and which I earnestly recommend.

It has been customary for some years to give statistics relative to the time when returns were received in the Grand Secretary's office. This information might appeal to the reader's curiosity at first, but a comparison of the number of early returns this year with the past will show that they have increased, and even an old fossil as myself got imbued with the spirit of emulation and tried to see if I could not get the returns of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of which I am Secretary, to myself among the first. These statistics show, so far as the Grand Secretary's office is concerned, that the real promptness is how soon after the last meeting did the Secretary of the local lodge send his returns to the Grand Secretary. The following lists will show when returns were received, also the number of days after last meeting which passed before reports reached my office.

Date Returns Received. Lodge.

April 19th, Valley City Lodge No. 7.
April 21st, Golden Valley Lodge No. 26, Park River.
April 22d, North Star Lodge No. 16, Larimore.
April 25th, Crescent Lodge No. 11, Grafton.
April 26th, Bismarck Lodge No. 5.
April 26th, Anchor Lodge No. 25, Milnor.
April 26th, Northern Light Lodge No. 45, Cooperstown.
April 27th, Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21, Devils Lake.

April 27th, Walhalla Lodge No. 50.
April 27th, Dacotah Lodge No. 55, Mayville.
April 29th, Rugby Lodge No. 65.
April 30th, Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo.
April 30th, Forest River Lodge No. 28, Inkste.
April 30th, Hope Lodge No. 29, Oakes.
April 30th, St. John's No. 36, Forest River.
April 30th, Khurum Lodge No. 58, Gilby.
April 30th, Dickey Lodge No. 63.
May 1st, Goose River Lodge No. 19, Portland.
May 1st, Star in West Lodge No. 33, Minot.
May 1st, Lebanon Lodge No. 34, Langdon.
May 3d, Fairmount Lodge No. 37.
May 3d, Mizpah Lodge No. 39, Sheldon.
May 3d, Tuscan Lodge No. 44. Bottineau.
May 3d, Aurora Lodge No. 56, Carrington.
May 3d, Century Lodge No. 60, New Rockford.
May 3d, Rolla Lodge No. 66.

Lodge.	No. Days After Last Meeting.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	1
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	1
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River	2
North Star No. 16, Larimore	2
Khurum No. 58, Gilby	2
Star in West No. 33, Minot	2
Anchor No. 25, Milnor	3
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	4
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	4
Crescent No. 11, Grafton	5
Hope No. 29, Oakes	5
Bismarck No. 5	6
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	6
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	7
Valley City No. 7	8
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	8
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	9
Goose River No. 19, Portland	9
Rugby No. 65	10
Dickey No. 63	10
St. John's No. 36, Forest River	11
Century No. 60, New Rockford	11
Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	12
Walhalla No. 50	13
Fairmount No. 37	13
Rolla No. 66	15

It will be noted that Shiloh Lodge's (Fargo) returns day after the last meeting, and, in order to do that, it was returns all prepared beforehand up to the last night of Secretary of Shiloh, was no more expeditious than all of th the second day, because it took other lodges one day to ha mitted by mail. Dacotah Lodge No. 55, of Mayville, w because the Secretary evidently finished his returns on the meeting, and mailed them so that I received them the next

These figures, however, are not fair to all lodges. Fo case of Acacia Lodge No. 4, at Grand Forks, whose r received until May 9th, nine days after their last meeting. that I have not gone later than May 3d. The fact is that A much more prompt, so far as time is concerned between meeting and the receipt of returns, than many whose returr the above list, and, besides, with the exception of Shiloh L are the largest, having fifty-six entries, of any of the othe Lodge's returns have eighty entries. Lebanon Lodge's (I came in eight days after the last meeting, and these retur being written on typewriter, and having forty entries. Th can Lodge (Bottineau) are also large, having forty-five entr of Khurum Lodge No. 58, Gilby, although not large, sh pains on the part of the Secretary. The returns of four written, and make very neat appearances; namely: Shilo Bathgate No. 23, Lebanon No. 34, Langdon, and Hankinsc

Last year Acacia Lodge No. 4, of Grand Forks, was for raisings. This was the first time in a number of years th of Fargo, had been eclipsed, but this year she has regained to her credit 28 raisings, and a total increase of 39.

Acacia Lodge No. 4, Grand Forks, raised 23 this ye increase of 34.

Tuscan Lodge No. 44, Bottineau, raised the largest num membership of any lodge in the state, having raised 19, m ship of 69.

Lebanon Lodge No. 34, at Langdon, stands with 22 ra bership of 158.

Last year I gave a list of lodges whose raisings wer giving lodge membership for comparison, and, thinking a be of interest this year, I have gathered the following returns:

Lodge.	No. Raised.	Men
Shiloh No. 1	28	
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	23	
Wahpeton No. 15	11	
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	11	
Bathgate No. 23	9	
Dickinson No. 32	9	

Lebanon No. 34, Langdon.....	22	158
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau.....	19	69
Northern Light No. 45, Coopers-town	10	67
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin.....	10	59
Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood....	12	53
Rolla No. 66.....	13	55

On April 30, 1904, the membership of chartered lodges was 4,705, and the membership of lodges under dispensation at the expiration of their dispensations was 142, making a total membership of 4,847. Our membership last year was 4,398, a gain of 449.

The income for dues and fees for 1902-3 was $4,766.00. This year the amount received for the same is $5,204.75, a gain of $438.75.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRY.

During the year all of the lodges have been furnished with membership cards containing all the additions and changes in membership for the previous year. The new lodge at Leeds was furnished with the regulation outfit.

Doubtless some of the lodges cannot quite understand why I have been so persistent in asking for information relative to its new members, and, judging from the tone of some of the letters received, I am led to believe that a few are of the opinion that my persistency in this regard is unnecessary. I have gone on the principle that if our membership registry is not correct it is not worth keeping up, and in order to get it accurate it involves more labor than one would imagine.

One would suppose that lodges in this state would know when and how to receive a petition, and the time that must elapse between the reception of a petition and the ballot on same, and the time required to intervene between the conferring of degrees, but such is not the case with all lodges. I refer to this that you may understand when errors are made in such important matters how easy it is for errors to be made in other things which the party making the error does not consider of any particular importance. I make these allusions in the way of self-defense, as it were, and that officers of lodges may know that I am not seeking for any unnecessary work, or desiring to inconvenience them, but to carry out the ideas and purposes of the Grand Lodge in establishing a registry of membership, and make it as reliable as possible.

The usefulness of the membership registry is almost daily demonstrated in many little ways. A fire at Sanborn destroyed the records of that lodge, and, were it not for the Grand Lodge's records, that lodge would not be able to recover the names of those who have been and are its members. Fires are liable to occur at any time which will destroy the lodge's records of members, of dimits, of deaths, of suspensions, of expulsions, and other data, all of which can be procured from our Grand Lodge membership reg-

istry. And, in case the Grand Lodge's records should be can be replaced by making copies of the membership rec ticular lodges, for they are always in duplicate; and this sh reason why lodges should report their work correctly, reported, why the Grand Secretary should see that they a rectly.

FINANCES.

The Finance Committee will make a detailed statemen of the Grand Lodge, thus making it unnecessary for me t be well, however, to state that the general contingent exper Secretary's office have been heavier than usual on account calcimining the offices, made necessary by time and the fa defective radiators on the second floor; also, unexpectedl cure a large supply of return blanks, which involved a cost I had supposed that there were enough return blanks to l inasmuch as there was considerable call for them durin especially from the lodges under dispensation, I found tha twenty-five or thirty of having a sufficient number, but thes it necessary to get a supply, which I did, and now have enc a number of years.

The printing of proceedings has increased considera report on correspondence, and which, also, added to the w ceedings, causing larger expenditures for postage and expre

ADDITIONS TO CODE.

It is three years since we had the additional decisions, printed and added to our Masonic Code. In order to pu decisions and regulations in practical shape, so that they m it would not be a bad idea if your Grand Secretary was au pile the same, and an appropriation made to defray the ex of the additions.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Nothing has come to the office of the Grand Secreta mittee on Grievances and Appeals.

MILITARY LODGE CERTIFICATES.

Agreeably to resolution of last Grand Lodge, M.·. W.·. Carothers (4) and your Grand Secretary were appointed procure a proper certificate for members of the North Lodge, which was stationed in the Philippine Islands. In this resolution, your committee procured an original drawin

had it electrotyped and four hundred copies printed upon the very best hand-made Japan paper.

The certificate is so worded that it is applicable to any member of the Military Lodge, whether an Entered Apprentice, or a Fellow Craft, or a charter member, or a visitor to the lodge during its existence.

CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 38.

The matter of Crystal Lodge, which was left to the Grand Master and myself to adjust, as you know from the address of the Grand Master, has been satisfactorily arranged, and, so far as I can see, nothing remains to be done.

NEW METHOD OF SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

In my experience of many years as Secretary of Shiloh Lodge, and as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, I am led to believe that our method of suspension for non-payment of dues is surrounded by too much red tape, and for this reason, and for the reason that some member must take it upon himself to move the suspension of a brother who is in arrears for dues, that the ledgers of the lodges become crowded with delinquent members. I believe that if some plan could be devised making the method more simple and more impersonal that the books of lodges would show rosters of better paying members. The method adopted by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of this state, to me, is one which fulfills my idea on this subject, and I would recommend that it be adopted.

CLANDESTINE LODGES.

The brethren are doubtless aware that within the past two or three years a large number of clandestine lodges have sprung into existence. Under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, a list of all legitimate lodges has been published. This matter has been kept in type, and very recently a new edition has been issued. Inasmuch as it is necessary that our lodges be protected from the clandestine members of these lodges, I thought it would be well to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that it might take action relative to the same should it be deemed advisable.

GRAND LODGES OF MEXICO AND ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The Grand Lodge of Mexico, which this Grand Jurisdiction has recognized, was, in fact, and by mutual agreement, a General Grand Lodge of the different states of that country. On April 30, 1901, that Grand Lodge was dissolved, and referred its powers to the Grand Lodges, which were then organized, of the several states. These several Grand Lodges of Mexico now ask for recognition.

The Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic also asks
I would recommend that a committee be appointed to t
under consideration.

GRAND SECRETARIES AND OTHERS.

But one Grand Secretary has passed away during the
with regret that the Guild learned of the death of Bro. Ja
which occurred at his home in Baltimore, Feb. 3, 1904.
had served his Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary for f
infirmities of age coming upon him, the Grand Lodge of
short months before his death, created him Grand Secretar
full rank and pay for life. The grim reaper, however,
brother could reap much of the enjoyment of relief from
took him hence.

Our Grand Representative, Rev. Algernon M. Roak,
Lodge of Maine, died at his home in Auburn, March 29. 1

Among the deaths of Past Grand Officers of other Gra
which have occurred during the year, is that of M.·. W.·.
Williams, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohi
liams, whom I knew personally, was a most enthusiastic
Masonic student, and for many years an indefatigable colle
literature. Several years ago, he donated his large libra
Lodge of Ohio, which it accepted and maintained since that

Brother Williams was the organizer of the Masonic
ciation, which printed some of the proceedings of Grand Lo
out of print. His idea was to have this association a clea
which distribution of Masonic proceedings was to be made.
others, realized the fact that Grand Lodges are imposed
who desire proceedings simply for commercial purpose
instances simply for the purpose of making large collectio
posing of them to second-hand dealers. His idea was tha
Association would look up the applicants, and, if found wo
the reports; if not, the request would be turned down. By
an association of this kind, frauds could better be detected
applied to the several Grand Lodges of the country. The
an uncertain existence for a time, and, not receiving the
of the Grand Lodges, passed out.

It was my good fortune to be with Brother Williams,
Bro. William R. Bowen, the Grand Secretary of Nebraska,
Exposition in 1893. We were in attendance at the Masonic
took in the sights together. Brother Williams was one of
ready fellows, always ready to play a joke, while Brother
dignified, and the jokes Brother Williams played on Brot
innumerable. Both, alas, have passed to their last reckoni
hours we spent together are now only memories.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The accumulations of time buried the ancient cities of Nineveh, Babylon, Jerusalem and Rome. One day did not add much, and one year but little, but soon they became buried out of sight. Apropos our Grand Lodge library: one day does not bring much nor one year a great deal, yet those who were here at our last Grand Session will note that the room is becoming more filled with what we hope is of interest to the craft throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

During the year the following books have been received and are now catalogued:

"Universal Classics Library" (20 vols.).
"Ceremonials of the Grand Lodge Manitoba."
"An Inquiry, Constantinian Order of Knighthood."—Warvelle.
"The Working of the Masonic Ring."
"Easter and Ascension Day Services, K.·. T.·."
"Wonderland, 1902."—Wheeler.
"Wonderland, 1903."—Wheeler.
"Account of the Obsequies of Stephen Girard."—Chandler.
"Burial Service K.·. T.·."
"Religious Dogmas of the Ancient Egyptians, Etc."—Fellow.
"Sesqui-Centennial, Initiation George Washington."
"Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Montgomery Lodge."
"By-Laws Lodge St. George, Glasgow."
"By-Laws Lodge Clyde, Glasgow."
"By-Laws Lodge Commercial, Glasgow."
"By-Laws Lodge Glasgow, St. Mungo."
"By-Laws Lodge Union, Glasgow."
"By-Laws Lodge Glasgow No. 441."
"Voice of Masonry" (magazine), Vol. 18.—Brown.
"Voice of Masonry" (magazine), Vol. 19.—Brown.
"Books on Egypt and Chaldaea."—Budge (8 vols.).
"Home Mechanics."—Hopkins.
"Records of the Past."—Baum (2 vols.).
"Crude Rubber."—Pearson.
"Explorations in Bible Lands."—Hilprecht.
"Grammar of Ornament."—Jones.
"History of Dancing."—Vuillier.
"Book of the A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·. of Freemasonry."—McClenachan.
"Outlines of the History of Art."—Lubke (2 vols.).
"Medical Dictionary."—Gould.
"Portfolio of Book-Plates."—Fisher.
"Tactics and Manual for K.·. T.·."—Grant.
"Masonic Lodge Music."
"Worshipful Master's Assistant."—Macoy.
"The A. A. O. N. M. S. for North America."

"George Washington Centennial Memorial Exercises, I
"George Washington as a Mason."
"Studies in the Politics of Aristotle and of Plato."—Loc
"Practical Pointers for Patentees."—Cresee.
"Bibliography of Sionan Language."
"Bibliography of Salishan Language."
"The Honey Bee."
"Omaha and Ponka Letters."
"The Maya Year."
"Bibliography of the Chinookan Language."
"Bibliography of the Wakaskan Language."
"Bibliography of the Athapascan Language."
"The Pamunkey Indians of Virginia."—Pollard.
"The Sionan Tribes of the East."—Mooney.
"The Ancient Quarry in Indian Territory."
"Chinook Texts."
"Scientific American Cyclopedia."—Hopkins.

The library receives the following magazines as compl
publishers:

"American Tyler," Detroit, Mich.
"Australasian Keystone," Melbourne.
"Eastern Star," Indianapolis, Ind.
"Keystone and Pennsylvania Freemason," Philadelphia.
"The Knight," Columbus, Ohio.
"Masonic Advocate," Indianapolis, Ind.
"Masonic Constellation," St. Louis, Mo.
"Masonic Chronic Chronicle," Columbus, Ohio.
"Masonic Disciple," Washington, D. C.
"Masonic Journal," Portland, Maine.
"Masonic Observer," St. Paul, Minn.
"Masonic Voice and Review," Chicago, Ill.
"Masonic Standard," New York.
"Masonic Token," Portland, Me.
"Masonic Tidings," Milwaukee, Wis.
"Mizpah," Marlborough, Mass.
"Pacific Mason," Seattle, Wash.
"Palestine Bulletin," Detroit, Mich.
"Shibboleth," Memphis, Tenn.
"Southern Freemason," Atlanta, Ga.
"Square and Compass," New Orleans, La.
"Tennessee Mason," Nashville, Tenn.
"Texas Mason," San Antonio, Tex.
"Trestle Board," San Francisco, Cal.
"The North Dakota Freemason," Rugby, N. D.
"Triangle," Philadelphia, Pa.

You will doubtless recollect my reporting my system of classifying Masonic books. I would say that it has received very extensive mention in the different periodicals of the country, and its fame seems to have spread across the ocean, for I have received requests for it even from Hungary.

Last year an appropriation was made to add glass doors to the old book cases to replace the curtains, and which was done.

A very substantial and handsome curios case has been built for a repository of curios. The collection which it now contains is one made by Bro. Otto M. Luther, a member of Shiloh Lodge, and of Company "B," First N. D. V., while he was serving in the Philippine Islands during the Spanish-American war. Brother Luther is a brother of Miss Hattie Luther, who has been in my office for the past eight years. The collection has been loaned to our library for a period of five years, or longer.

The library also contains a number of interesting Alaskan curios, which were donated by M.·. W.·. Bro. William T. Perkins, Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge.

An old Spanish flintlock musket is one of the interesting things which Bro. Capt. Gilbert C. Grafton, Senior Warden of Shiloh Lodge, donated, he having found it under the civil administration building in Manila while he was serving as clerk to the officer in charge.

Another interesting curio is a specimen of Bad Land cedar, one side of which is polished. It will doubtless be a surprise to many to find that we have a wood in our state which will take so high a polish, and is so beautifully grained.

I am anxious to get the brethren throughout the state interested in our curios department; for a little from many will soon make a collection that will be of not only great interest but a matter of education as to the geological and anthropological conditions of former times. I wish to thank the members of the Grand Lodge for the many courtesies shown, and for their intelligent interest in the library and its contents.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON,

Grand Secretary and Librarian.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), Chairman of the Finance Committee, then read the report of such committee, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee, agreeably to resolution of this Grand Lodge, has audited the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and Librarian, and respectfully report that we find the books in fine shape, and all moneys accounted for, and vouchers for all expenditures.

The Grand Secretary, during the year, has received the following amounts:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report.....
Balance in hands of Grand Secretary, unexpended conting
Cash, charter fees, Leeds Lodge No. 67.....
Cash, dispensation fee, Prudence Lodge.....
Cash, dispensation fee, Ashlar Lodge.....
Cash, dispensation fee, Kenmare Lodge.....
Cash, dispensation fee, Wimbledon Lodge.....
Cash, dispensation fee, Berthold Lodge.....
Cash, sale Grand Lodge Codes.....
Cash, sale morals and dogmas.....
Cash, membership record, Leeds Lodge No. 67.....
Cash, express returned from Grand Chapter O.·. E.·. S.·.
Cash, balance 1903 fees, Welcome Lodge No. 54.....
Cash, donation to contingent fund.....
Cash, dues and fees 1904.....
Cash, interest .....

Total .....

DISBURSEMENTS.

Miscellaneous appropriations..... $2
Proceedings 1903.....
Membership registry.....
Grand Lecturer, due from last year .....
Grand aprons .....
Military Lodge certificates.....
Postage .....
Miscellaneous printing .....
Express and freight.....
Engrossing charter .....
Furniture .....
Miscellaneous contingent .....
In hands Grand Secretary, balance Military Lodge certificates .....
In hands Grand Secretary, unexpended contingent...
In hands Grand Treasurer..... 8

IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND TREASURER

June 22, 1903. Cash on hand..... $6
Received from Grand Secretary, 1903-04, miscellaneous income.....
Received from interest.....
Received from Grand Secretary, dues and fees 1904..... 5

CONTRA.

	Cash paid out, Warrants Nos. 195 to 226, inclusive	$4,181.17	
June 27, 1904.	Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	8,148.38	
			$12,329.55

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

INCOME.

June 22, 1903.	Cash on hand	$261.11	
Feb. 2, 1904.	Appropriation, Grand Lodge, 1903	200.00	
Mch. 31, 1904.	Cash from Cass county	85.00	
May 28, 1904.	Overdrawn account, appropriation from Grand Lodge	22.09	
	Library tax, 1903-04	467.50	
			$1,035.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

	Books and binding	$172.72	
	Library furniture, etc	299.14	
June 27, 1904.	Cash on hand	563.84	
			$1,035.70

We find that Sanborn Lodge No. 14 and Mount Moriah Lodge No. 51 did not have their reports in the Grand Secretary's office on or before May 15th, and are therefore subject to the usual fine.

Your committee are pleased to report that the fund started in 1902 for a Masonic Home for this state has now reached the sum of $265.00, and is at present invested by the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	100.00
Printing proceedings	300.00
Membership registry	150.00
Contingent	750.00
Fraternal correspondent	100.00
Reimbursing Grand Secretary account Library	22.09

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

SANBORN LODGE NO. 14—REMISSION OF FINE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. George H. Keyes (13) moved:

That inasmuch as the hall of Sanborn Lodge was destroyed by fire last May, and which caused the loss of the records of the lodge, making it impossible to complete the returns in time, that the fine of $5.00 imposed on said lodge for delinquent returns to the Grand Lodge be and the same is hereby remitted.

Carried.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN KLEINOGEL.

The Grand Secretary read a nice note of thanks received from R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas Kleinogel, in which he acknowledged receipt of a Past Junior Grand Warden's apron, presented to him by this Grand Lodge, at the hands of Chris Diehl, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of Utah.

REGRETS FROM GRAND CHAPLAIN MOULTRIE.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from the Grand Chaplain, W.·. Bro. Laurence G. Moultrie, expressing his regret that he could not be present, as he was then on a visit to England.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN JOHN SCOTT.

The Grand Secretary received a letter from R.·. W.·. Bro. John Scott, Senior Grand Warden, after the close of the session, in which he expressed his regret at not being able to be present on account of his removal from our Grand Jurisdiction. He was suddenly called away from his new home at Portland, Oregon, and left a message to be sent to this Grand Lodge, wishing it a "profitable and harmonious session," but through the fallibility of humanity the one entrusted with the message failed to send it, and, therefore, it did not reach the Grand Secretary until too late to be presented to the Grand Session.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of the Reports of Grand Officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to fraternal dead be referred to a Committee on Necrology.

2. That so much thereof as refers to dispensations for new lodges be referred to a Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation.

3. That so much thereof as refers to library be referred to a special Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

4. That so much as refers to fee for affiliation, exceeding appropriations, jurisprudence committee exceeding the statutory number, and all decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

5. That all other matters not herein mentioned, they coming within the duties and prerogatives of the Grand Master, do not need reference.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

6. The report of the Grand Treasurer, having already been checked up by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

7. That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to annual returns of particular lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

8. That so much as refers to finances, the same having been audited by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

9. That so much thereof as refers to additions to our Code of Laws be referred to a special committee.

10. That so much thereof as refers to new method of procedure, suspension non-payment dues and dimit books, be referred to a special committee.

11. That so much thereof as refers to list of clandestine lodges be referred to a special committee.

12. That so much as refers to the Grand Lodges of Mexico and Argentine Republic be referred to a Committee on Fraternal Relations.

13. That so much thereof as refers to library be referred to a Committee on Grand Lodge Library.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4),
GEORGE A. LUCE (27),
JORGEN HOWARD (10),
ALEXANDER MORRISON (23),
FRANK M. KING (2),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Mileage and Per Diem—Herbert W. Kiff (9), Benjamin L. Lewis (30), Frank A. Cousins (56), David J. Parks (35), Forrest Vaughn (40).

Necrology—Walter L. Williamson (12), Evarts C. Stevens (43), Johan W. Rode (33), Robert B. Warren (36), Thomas Jacobson (37).

Lodges U.·. D.·.—William R. Movius (53), John R. Hogg (52), George W. Wasem (1), G. F. Dullam (5), Fred Worthing (11).

Grand Lodge Library—Charles H. Baker (21), Alexander H. Allen (50), John Rylance (34), Benjamin F. Lavalley (41), W. Clyde Gamble (62).

Addition to Code—Lewis Hill (8), Charles B. Hughes (65), Abram Lent (46), Albert T. Helgesen (48), Hans A. Moe (54).

New Method of Procedure Suspension N.·. P.·. D.·. and Dimit Books—Sidney Cohen (15), Victor S. Wisner (16), Charles C. Williams (20), Dennis L. Warriner (25), Willard B. Overson (51).

List of Clandestine Lodges—Stillman E. Brown (18), Charles Allen (4), Wallace W. Heffron (9), Jochim Lohse (13), William McKean (14).

Fraternal Relations—William E. Hoover (26), Charles C. Williams (20), Edward H. Busse (22), William Mills (29), Hero H. Taylor (31).

By-Laws—William Glass (45), Frank Sims (47), Robert L. Kenney (55), William E. Spotten (57), Robert M. McLean (58).

Chartered Lodges—William H. Thomas (67), John E. Bennett (60), Aloys Wartner (61), John E. Brown (66), John Warner (63).
Display of Flag—John McDonald (28), Robert M. Carson (23), William E. Muir (28), Charles A. Gilbert (64), Martin Kratt (38).

TIME FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year take place at 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Carried.

The hour being 5 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

(Wednesday, June 29, 1904.)

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 10 o'clock a. m.

APRON FOR SENIOR GRAND WARDEN SCOTT.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager moved:

That the Grand Secretary be directed to purchase a Past Senior Grand Warden's apron for R.·. W.·. Bro. John Scott.

Carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO PROPERTY AND INCORPORATION OF LODGES.

M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby (10), in behalf of the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Question No. 3, submitted to M.·. W.·. Grand Master Stockwell, and referred to your committee at the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Fargo, in June, 1903, and found on page 116 of the printed proceedings of said Grand Lodge of that communication, and taken under advisement by your committee, as appears on page 148 of said proceedings, do now respectfully report:

That your committee have given due consideration to the matters involved in the answer to said Question No. 3, and, in their opinion, find that two questions are necessarily dependent upon the solution of the question asked.

First, the disposition of the property of a particular lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction when it has been suspended, or its warrant of constitution revoked, by this Grand Lodge.

Second, the question of incorporating particular lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Time being limited, your committee does not desire to enter into a discussion of these two questions and their relative merits considered Masonically, and have concluded to submit for your consideration an amendment to Section 35 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge relative to the disposition of property of lodges under suspension or revocation of their warrants, and also by-laws on the incorporation of particular lodges, consisting of two sections, both of which are herewith submitted, and your committee respectfully submits them for your deliberation.

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 35 OF BY-LAWS, PROPERTY OF LODGES.

Sec. 35. Upon the suspension of any lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction, the last Secretary and Treasurer of such lodge, shall immediately forward to the Grand Master, or his deputy thereto lawfully commissioned.

the Warrant of Constitution of such particular lodge, and all of the books, papers, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia, furniture, and all other property and effects of such lodge, with all papers and writings relating to the title of such property, real and personal, or affecting the same. And all of such property of each of its several kinds shall be restored to such suspended lodge in the event of its being reinstated in good standing within twelve months after the date of its suspension by proper authority.

Sec. 35a. In case such suspended lodge shall not be reinstated within the time as provided in Sec. 35 herein, all of the property and effects of the several kinds so received from said lodge shall become the absolute property of and be owned by the Grand Lodge, subject only to the payment of any legitimate debts and claims there may have been existing against such suspended lodge at the time of the suspension thereof, regularly and legally contracted for lodge purposes, which shall be paid by the Grand Lodge out of the money or property so received from the said lodge, so far as the same will pay such indebtedness and claims, either in full or pro rata, as the case may be. And in event of there being a surplus or residue of such money or property of any kind after the payment of such claims and indebtedness, as above provided, the whole of such surplus and residue property and money shall vest in and become the absolute property of the said Grand Lodge, to be used and expended by it for charitable purposes in aiding and assisting poor and needy worthy Brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

BY-LAWS ON INCORPORATION OF PARTICULAR LODGES.

Sec. 1. No particular lodge or group of bodies of particular lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction shall be permitted to become incorporated under the laws of the United States, of this state, or of any other state or territory, except by permission and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Master in the interim, and then only for the purpose of holding and protecting property interests.

Sec. 2. If any particular lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction shall desire to become incorporated for the purposes, as provided in Sec. 1 herein, such lodge shall prepare its proposed articles of incorporation in legal form, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master in the interim of Grand Communications, for examination and the indorsement of approval and permission thereon. And it is hereby made mandatory that the following shall be incorporated in and form as a basis of such incorporation one of the articles hereof:

"This corporation and the members thereof shall be subject to and under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of North Dakota, and in event that its Warrant of Constitution shall become revoked or suspended by the said Grand Lodge, then the incorporation hereof shall cease and terminate, other than to sell and convey the real estate belonging to said par-

ticular lodge at the time of such revocation or suspension, and all of the property owned by such lodge, both real and personal, and in money or otherwise, together with a statement of the indebtedness existing against such lodge, shall be turned over and delivered up to the Grand Master, or his deputy, of the said Grand Lodge, to be held and owned absolutely by the said Grand Lodge, and disposed of by it, in accordance with the Grand Lodge By-Laws, and the laws and usages of the said Masonic fraternity.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Necrology made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Necrology begs leave to report on the lives of the fraternal dead.

We all are destined to die; hence, our duties here below may seem sad. Yet we know, in fulfilling our duties, we are accomplishing a work for our good. Besides, as we learn from the poets, we should be reminded by the lives and deeds of great and good men that we, too, can make our lives sublime, can make them lights that will beam forth not only during the time of our earthly career but after the same has ended will be guiding stars for those who may come after us.

Early in our Masonic career we are taught that the best and wisest men of all ages have been promoters and encouragers of our noble art. We, therefore, find among our illustrious fraternal dead those who were great, not only in Masonry in their particular jurisdiction, but, also, were great in the affairs of the throbbing world, who were truly beacon lights during their lives, and who will continue to be such in the years and centuries to come. The grim Tyrant Death has visited many of our sister Grand Masonic Jurisdictions, and the list of his victims is dire and long.

HENRY HART BROWN: Aug. 24, 1837—Jan. 9, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Alabama.
Soldier in the Civil War.
Eminent lawyer.
Member of State Legislature for several terms.

MICHAEL ARNOLD: 1840—April 24, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Eminent lawyer and one of Pennsylvania's greatest judges.

CHARLES H. GOULD: Oct. 5, 1837—June 5, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Nebraska.
In battle of Shiloh as member of the 16th Wisconsin.
Re-entered as member of 151st Indiana.

GEORGE H. DURAND: Feb. 21, 1838—June 8, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Michigan.
Prominent lawyer.
Mayor of Flint, Mich., 1873.
Member of Congress, 1874.
Justice of Supreme Court, 1902.

SAMUEL C. PERKINS: Nov. 14, 1828—July 14, 1903.
Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
Eminent lawyer.

ROGER WILLIAMS WOODBURY: March 3, 1841—July 11, 1903.
Grand Master of Colorado.
Soldier, journalist and banker.

JOHN Y. T. SMITH: Sept. 16, 1831—July 15, 1903.
Past Deputy Grand Master of Arizona.
Soldier and miller.

GEORGE W. CHEYNEY: Sept. 1, 1854—Aug. 14, 1903.
Past Grand Master of California.
Judge of Probate Court.

WILLIAM WALLACE LEE: July 20, 1828—Sept. 14, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Connecticut.
Member of State Legislature.
Machinist.

SAMUEL WORD: Jan. 19, 1837—Sept. 24, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Montana.
Prominent lawyer.

CHARLES JOHN MACDONALD: April 4, 1841—Oct. 12, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Nova Scotia.
Member of Provincial Legislature.
Dominion Inspector of Postoffices.
Lieutenant Colonel.

HENRIQUE VALLADARES: March 15, 1852—Nov. 9, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Brazil.
General and Marshal of the Brazilian Army.

ARTHUR M. CLARK: Aug. 4, 1833—Oct. 26, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Michigan.
Regent of State University.
Consul at Sarnia, Ontario.

A. J. ROSE: 1830—Dec. 13, 1903.
Past Grand Master of Texas.

WARREN TYLER: Aug. 4, 1861—Dec. 21, 1903.
Junior Grand Warden of Florida.
Prominent lawyer.

MYRON J. HORTON: Aug. 3, 1841—Jan. 7, 1904.
Junior Grand Warden of Vermont.
Soldier and colonel.

CONRAD B. DAY: July 3, 1832—Jan. 11, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania.
President of Commonwealth National Bank.
President of Seventh National Bank.

ROLLAND HECTOR OAKLEY: Feb. 5, 1841—Feb. 2, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Nebraska.
Member of State Legislature.

GEORGE E. DODGE: July 6, 1845—Feb. 6, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Arkansas.

CHARLES BELCHER: —Feb. 20, 1904.
Past Grand Master of New Jersey.

GABRIEL BOUCK: 1827—Feb. 21, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Wisconsin.
Prominent jury lawyer.

ALGERNON M. ROAK: 1847—March 29, 1904.
Junior Grand Warden of Maine.

S. STACKER WILLIAMS: March 20, 1836—April 3, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Ohio.
Masonic book collector.

CHARLES V. TAYLOR: Jan. 13, 1860—April 22, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Tennessee.
President of First National Bank of Morristown.
Grand Chaplain of the Host.

JOSEPH ALVAH LOCKE: Dec. 25, 1843—April 21, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Maine.
Member of State Legislature.

WILLIAM FORSYTH BYNUM: 1825—May 9, 1904.
Past Grand Master of Florida.
Physician.
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives of Florida.

Among the above list we note with particular grief the name of Michael Arnold, of Pennsylvania, a true Mason and a noble man. Not only was Brother Arnold prominent and active for years in every sphere of Masonry, not only was it never irksome to him or of too little moment to aid his craft in any and every capacity in which he might be called upon to serve, be this in the office, in committees, or in whatsoever fraternal function, but Brother Arnold was as well a jurist of the finest metal. He is honored now, and will be honored in the times to come, as one of the greatest judges of the State of Pennsylvania, and, in civil history, he will continue to be revered because he gave so much energy of his great mind to the establishing of a municipal government and the building up of a great city.

As true Masons and as true men, these all have labored in the quarries; their accomplishments have not been wanting in even the slightest degree, and they all have left behind them achievements which we all should study.

which we all (be our sphere great or small) should strive to emulate for the betterment of ourselves and for the enlightenment and elevation of the world about us.

Only thus, in the changing and in the work of time, may we leave behind us footprints for our successors. Only thus, even if our names may be forgotten or never known, can we leave traces which will show:

"Here did pass a true man;
Here did live and strive a true Mason."

"Life is a count of losses,
Every year,
For the weak are heavier crosses,
Every year,
Last spring with sobs replying
Unto weary autumn's sighing,
While those we love are dying
Every year.

To the past go more dead faces,
Every year.
As the loved ones leave vacant places
Every year,
Everywhere the sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's dusk they greet us
And to come to them entreat us
Every year."

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12),
EVARTS C. STEVENS (43),
JOHAN W. RODE (33),
ROBERT B. WARREN (36),
THOMAS JACOBSON (37),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Halley V. Hicks (29), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·., to whom was referred the petitions of

Prudence Lodge U.·. D.·., of Coggswell, N. D.,
Ashlar Lodge U.·. D.·., of Granville, N. D.,
Kenmare Lodge U.·. D.·., of Kenmare, N. D.,
Wimbledon Lodge U.·. D.·., of Wimbledon, N. D.,
Berthold Lodge U.·. D.·., of Berthold, N. D.,

begs leave to report that we have examined all the records furnished us. and find the same in accordance with the forms and usages of the fraternity, and would recommend that charters be granted to the above named lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM R. MOVIUS (53),
JOHN R. HOGG (52),
FRED WORTHING (11),
GEORGE W. WASEM (1),
G. F. DULLAM (5),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Library made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Stewart (55), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Library recommend that the report of the R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, relating to Grand Lodge Library, be adopted.

We also recommend that a catalogue of the books in the library be printed and distributed among our particular lodges, and that the sum of $100 be appropriated by this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, we recommend that the compensation of the Grand Secretary for his services as Grand Librarian be increased from $100 to $200 per annum.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES H. BAKER (21),
ALEXANDER H. ALLEN (50),
JOHN RYLANCE (34),
BENJAMIN F. LAVALLEY (41),
W. CLYDE GAMBLE (62),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON ADDITIONS TO CODE.

The Committee on Additions to Grand Lodge Code made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Lewis Hill (8), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Additions to Code would respectfully recommend that $40 be appropriated to defray the expense of printing additions to code.

Fraternally submitted,

LEWIS HILL (8),
CHARLES B. HUGHES (65),
ABRAM LENT (46),
ALBERT T. HELGESEN (48),
HANS A. MOE (54),
Committee.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master appointed W.·. Bro. Robert Morrison (2) and Bro. Jorgen Howard (10) as tellers. The election proceeded with the following result:

James W. Foley (5).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bismarck
Louis A. Jacobson (27)...R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Hope
Grant S. Hager (30).R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32)..R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Dickinson
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

INVITATION AND LOCATION OF NEXT GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION.

W.·. Bro. William Spriggs (4) stated that inasmuch as Acacia Lodge No. 4, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Grand Forks, had but recently completed a fine Masonic Temple, and the brethren of that lodge being desirous of entertaining the next session of this Grand Body, an invitation is extended to the Grand Lodge to hold its next annual communication in the city of Grand Forks.

W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) extended an invitation in behalf of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo, to the Grand Lodge to hold its next annual communication in the city of Fargo.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That the invitation of Acacia Lodge No. 4, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., be accepted.

Carried.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

(For report, see appendix immediately following closing.)

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report upon the Decisions and Recommendations of the Grand Master, which were taken up and passed upon seriatim, as follows:

DECISIONS.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 1 was approved.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 2 was approved.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 3 was approved.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 4 was approved.

On motion of W.·. Bro. John J. Hull (15), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 5 was approved.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Evarts S. Stevens (43), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 6 was approved.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 7 was approved.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Evarts C. Stevens (43), the report of the Committee on Decision No. 8 was approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), the report of the Committee relating to recommendation regarding Exceeding of Appropriations was approved.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), the report of the Committee relating to recommendation regarding Affiliation Fee was approved.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), the report of the Committee relating to recommendation regarding Restricting Number of Jurisprudence Committee was approved.

After the approval of the several parts of the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee, M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby (10) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be adopted as a whole.

Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in his address to the Grand Lodge, and recommendations Nos. 3 and 4, and also in reference to the charge of fees for affiliation, respectfully report.

Your committee neither approves nor disapproves of the logic of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master in reaching the conclusions upon the several questions submitted to him, but upon the conclusions to each question finds:

That the conclusion to Decision No. 1 be approved.

That conclusion to Decision No. 2 be approved.

That Decision No. 3 be approved, and in so doing assume that the Fellow Craft, designated in the statement, had not delayed in his advancement for the period of one year and hence could not be stopped under the amendment to Section 50 of the By-Laws, on page 109, of the code of this Grand Jurisdiction, without charges having been preferred against him in regular form, the member of the lodge requested to confer the degree not having any greater Masonic right in this respect than a member of the lodge to which the Fellow Craft actually belonged.

That conclusion to Decision No. 4 be approved.

That conclusion to Decision No. 5 be approved.

That conclusion to Decision No. 6 be approved.

That the answer to the first question of Decision No. 7 be not approved; that the answer to the second question of Decision No. 7 be approved.

That the conclusion to Decision No. 8 be approved.

That recommendation No. 3, relating to specific appropriations, be not concurred in.

That the recommendation on page 10 of the Grand Master's Address, in typewritten form, relating to not making any charge for affiliation of membership, be concurred in.

That recommendation No. 4, relating to the number of the Committee on Jurisprudence, be not concurred in at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. John Riessbeck (32), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of Fraternal Relations with the Grand Lodges of the several states of Mexico, and with the Grand Lodge of Republica Argentina, begs leave to report as follows:

1. Whereas, the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota has regularly recognized, and has sustained fraternal relations with, the Grand Symbolic Diet of the United States of Mexico, which was composed of representatives of the Grand Lodges of several states of Mexico; and, whereas, on the 30th day of April, 1901, said Grand Symbolic Diet was dissolved, by mutual agreement, and its powers reposed in the Grand Lodges of the several states which were included in the confederation, be it recommended that the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota fraternize with each of the following Grand Lodges: A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of Mexico; Valle de Mexico, located at the City of Mexico; Benito Juarez, located at the City of Porfirio Diaz; and Ignacio Ramirez, located at the City of Tampico.

2. Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Republica Argentina has requested the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, and whereas we believe that the forces of civilization are established and made potent through the diffusion of the principles of Freemasonry, be it recommended that the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota recognize the Grand Lodge of Republica Argentina as a Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26),
CHARLES C. WILLIAMS (20),
EDWARD H. BUSSE (22),
WILLIAM MILLS (29),
HERO H. TAYLOR (31),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CLANDESTINE LODGES.

The Committee on Clandestine Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. Charles Allen (4), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of Clandestine Lodges, begs leave to report as follows:

We respectfully recommend that seventy-five copies of the "List of Masonic Lodges of the World" be purchased by the Grand Lodge of North Dakota for distribution among the particular lodges of the state, and that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw a warrant in payment of the same.

Fraternally submitted,

STILLMAN E. BROWN (18),
CHARLES ALLEN (4),
WALLACE W. HEFFRON (9),
JOCHIM LOHSE (13),
WILLIAM McKEAN (14),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON NEW METHOD OF PROCEDURE SUSPENSION N. P. D., AND DIMIT BOOKS.

The Committee on New Method of Procedure for Suspension N. P. D., and Dimit Books, made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was referred to the Committee on By-Laws, except that relating to Dimit Books, and that part of the report was, on motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Stewart (55), adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on New Method of Procedure for Suspension Non-Payment respectfully submits the following resolution to the Grand Lodge for appropriate action:

Resolved, That the Secretary of each particular lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction is hereby directed to report to his lodge, at a stated communication during each year, the names of all members who are one year or more in arrears for dues to the lodge; that, unless otherwise ordered by his lodge, such Secretary shall immediately thereafter notify, by registered letter, or personally by written notice, each delinquent Master Mason of the amount of his arrearages; that he will be suspended if the same be not paid; that if he has any reason why such suspension should not be made, he shall appear at the stated communication (naming date, not sooner than twenty days after the mailing or service of such notice), and show cause, if any, why he should not be suspended, or he may file his reasons, in

writing, with the Secretary, to be read at such communication; that at the communication named in said notice the Secretary shall report his action, the names of the Master Masons so notified, and any written reasons from the cited brothers, and unless the lodge remit or extend the payment of such dues, or take action to the contrary, the brethren so notified shall de facto stand suspended; that such suspension shall be in full force and effect until it be removed by the lodge, and which it may do at the stated communication at which a petition for the removal of such suspension is presented, together with a statement that all arrearages have been paid, and such reinstatement shall be by a majority vote.

And we further recommend that it be obligatory of all lodges of this state to use the dimit book approved by this Grand Lodge, and furnished by the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

SIDNEY COHEN (15),
VICTOR S. WISNER (16),
CHARLES C. WILLIAMS (20),
DENNIS L. WARRINER (25),
WILLARD B. OVERSON (51),
Committee.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following amendment to the constitution, and the following amendments to the By-Laws, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully submits the annexed amendment to Article I of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, proposing to create the office of Grand Orator, and also an amendment to the By-Laws prescribing the duties of the Grand Orator.

Amendment to Constitution—Amend Article I of the Constitution by inserting after "a Grand Chaplain" the words for a new officer of the Grand Lodge, "A Grand Orator."

Amendment to By-Laws—Duties of the Grand Orator. The Grand Orator shall prepare an address upon the subject of Masonry, to be delivered to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

We also submit for your consideration a proposition for the repeal of Section 53 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge relating to comity jurisdiction of admitting to membership all persons residing nearer to lodges on the state line between this Grand Jurisdiction and the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of Minnesota.

Amendment to By-Laws, Sec. 53—Whereas, The Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of Minnesota not having, after many years of waiting,

accepted the proffered olive branch extended by this Grand Lodge, through Section 53 of its By-Laws, in establishing comity relations of admitting to membership persons residing nearer the state line, and to a lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of Minnesota, and from that Grand Jurisdiction to this Grand Jurisdiction under like conditions; therefore,

Resolved, That Section 53 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws of this state be, and the same are hereby, repealed and made of no effect.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of M.'. W.'. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was received.

To the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges begs leave to report that it has examined the reports of chartered lodges, and find all to be regular in form and detail, with the following exceptions:

In the case of Valley City Lodge No. 7, we find that Section 27, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, have been violated in this, that the passing of a candidate was allowed after the year had elapsed since initiation, the Entered Apprentice degree having been conferred on April 6, 1903, and the Fellow Craft degree on April 11, 1904. This without showing that a new ballot had been taken.

In the case of Mandan Lodge No. 8 we find the report not showing compliance with Sections 26 and 27 of our By-Laws, and gross negligence in the keeping of its records.

In the cases of Sanborn Lodge No. 14 and Mount Moriah Lodge No. 51 we find the report not filed with the Grand Secretary until after May 15, 1904.

In the case of Evergreen Lodge No. 46 we find the report incomplete in this, that there is nothing on or about it to show its authenticity, it not having been signed by the Worshipful Master nor the Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
JOHN E. BENNETT (60),
ALOYS WARTNER (61),
JOHN E. BROWN (66),
JOHN WARNER (63),
Committee.

RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

W.·. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke (4) moved:

That this Grand Lodge recognize the Grand Lodge of Norway and Sweden, and that our Grand Secretary be directed to correspond with the proper officers of that Grand Lodge with a view to the exchange of Grand Representatives.

Carried.

RE-REFERENCE OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That inasmuch as the report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges shows violation of the laws governing this Grand Lodge, that the report be re-referred to said committee that it may make recommendations for the violations which said report shows.

Carried.

The hour being 12:20, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour being 2:15, the Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committeee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was considered seriatim.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the Constitution and to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same, and recom-

mend that the following amendment to the Constitution be submitted to the several particular lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for adoption or rejection thereof.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager, the foregoing proposition was adopted.

And further recommend that the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding the following, to be known as Section 12½; provided the proposed amendment to the Constitution be adopted by the several lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

Sec 12½. DUTIES OF.—The Grand Orator shall prepare an address upon the subject of Masonry, to be delivered to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

On motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager, the foregoing proposed amendment was unanimously adopted.

Your committee further recommends that all of Section 49 be stricken out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof.

(See Report of Committee on New Method of Procedure Suspension N. P. D., for amended By-Law, page 267.)

Said amendment was, on motion of Bro. Jorgen Howard (10), unanimously adopted.

Your committee further recommends that Section 53 of the Grand Lodge By-Laws, relating to comity relations with the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of Minnesota, be stricken out.

The foregoing amendment, on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), was unanimously adopted.

Your committee further recommends that the amendment of Section 35 of the By-Laws, and the proposed addition to the By-Laws, governing the incorporation of lodges, all of which were submitted by the Committee on Jurisprudence, be adopted.

(These provisions may be seen under the report of the Jurisprudence Committee, entitled "Proposed Amendments to By-Laws, Relative to Property and Incorporation of Lodges," pages 256-7.)

On motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Stewart (55), the foregoing amendments were unanimously adopted.

Your committee further recommends that the amendment proposed by W.·. Bro. Charles E. Tillson (56) at the last session of this Grand Lodge, said proposition being found upon page 140 of the Proceedings of 1903, be adopted, and said amendment to read as follows:

Every Master Mason hereafter raised to the degree of Master Mason in this jurisdiction shall become proficient therein as required in the former degrees, and give proof thereof by examination in open lodge, which fact shall be entered of record.

Provided, however, that such examination may be made and record entered in any lodge which may be designated for such purpose by the lodge in which the Master Mason was raised. And until such proof is given no such Master Mason shall be allowed to vote, or hold office in such lodge, or dimit therefrom.

Your committee would further recommend that the wording of the ritual following the charge after the raising be changed to read as follows:

Bro. (A. B.) I now have the pleasure of informing you that you are a Master Mason, made in a regularly constituted lodge of Master Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Dakota, and on learning the lecture belonging to this degree will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM GLASS (45),
FRANK SIMS (47),
ROBERT L. KENNY (55),
WILLIAM E. SPOTTEN (57),
ROBERT McLEAN (58),
Committee.

On motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Louis A. Jacobson (27), the foregoing proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

AMENDED REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, to whom had been referred back its first report, made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, to whom was re-referred its former report, begs leave to submit the following recommendations:

In case of Valley City Lodge No. 7 and Evergreen Lodge No. 46, and in view of the action of this Grand Lodge at the morning session of June 29, 1904, remitting the fine imposed by our Grand Lodge regulations

on Sanborn Lodge No. 14, said delay being occasioned through loss of its records by fire, recommend that no further action be taken.

In case of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 51 we recommend that the usual fine be imposed for failure to get its report to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15th.

In the case of Mandan Lodge No. 8 we recommend that, in view of the fact that this report is honey-combed with carelessness, and the grossest kind of negligence, which carelessness and negligence consist in receiving applications without proper data, in conferring the degrees without the four weeks intervening, as provided by the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and, further, in conferring degrees when more than one year had elapsed between degrees, without submitting the same for ballot, that no action be taken by the Grand Lodge at this session, but with the recommendation that if the next report of Mandan Lodge No. 8 shows a repetition of the violations which are found in this year's report that its charter be revoked.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
JOHN E. BENNETT (60),
ALOYS WARTNER (61),
JOHN E. BROWN (66),
JOHN WARNER (63),

Committee.

REMISSION OF FINE—CRYSTAL LODGE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson moved:

That, agreeably to the recommendation of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, the fine imposed upon Crystal Lodge No. 38 last year, for not having its returns in the hands of the Grand Secretary within the statutory time, be, and the same is hereby, remitted.

Carried.

WHAT GRAND OFFICERS TO SIGN CHARTERS.

The Grand Secretary stated there was no regulation governing the signing of a charter, that is, whether it should be signed by the Grand Officers at the time the charter was granted, or whether by the new Grand Officers after election and installation; that as a matter of sentiment it would seem that the Grand Master who issued the dispensation for a new Lodge should be honored by having his name appear on the charter of that Lodge. Yet for convenience it was doubtless better that the new Grand Officers

should sign the charter, as it frequently happens, as at this session, one of the Grand Officers to sign the charter has removed and is absent from the Grand Jurisdiction.

W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That charters be signed by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge at the time of the granting of dispensations.

Which motion was lost.

NOTE.—As a negative pregnant, it is the will of this Grand Lodge that charters be signed by the new Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON DISPLAY OF UNITED STATES FLAG.

The Committee on Display of the United States Flag made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of the display of the American flag upon appropriate occasions in the Grand Lodge, and in the halls of the particular lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, respectfully report and recommend:

That the resolution adopted at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in June, A. D. 1903, as it appears upon page 152 of the printed proceedings, be modified to read as follows:

Resolved, That, agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Master, the flag of our country shall be displayed at all sessions of the Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge in token of our reverence and esteem of the liberty that it proclaims to all our people.

And we recommend that this noble emblem of liberty be displayed in the halls of all particular lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction;

And we further recommend that it be carried at the head of all Masonic processions upon occasions when it would be appropriate.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD (28),
ROBERT M. CARSON (23),
WILLIAM E. MUIR (28),
CHARLES A. GILBERT (64),
MARTIN KRATT (38),

Committee.

IRON FENCE—MASONIC TEMPLE.

W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Stewart (55) moved:

That a sum not to exceed $100.00 be, and is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of building an iron fence in front of the Grand Secretary's offices and temple, Fargo.

This motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

ORATION.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grand Orator, was now called upon for his address. He stated that he had not prepared one, for two main reasons: one, that his duties as Superintendent of Public Instruction of the state had drawn very heavily upon his time; and, second, that the address of President Roosevelt upon Masonry and Citizenship, delivered at the Sesqui Centennial Anniversary of the Raising of George Washington, at Philadelphia, November, 1902, expressed in so many ways, and better than he could hope to do, those ideals which had formed in his mind under the influence of Masonry, that he believed he could do no better service to the Grand Lodge than to read that most excellent address of our President, which he proceeded to do.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—FENCE.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the matter of building an iron fence in front of the Grand Secretary's offices, Masonic Temple, made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Louis A. Jacobson (27), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the question of an appropriation, not to exceed $100.00, for an iron fence to be placed in front of the Grand Secretary's offices, respectfully recommend that the appropriation asked for be, and is hereby, allowed.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.

The Grand Master elect then announced the following Appointive Officers and Standing Committees.

(For names of Appointive Officers, see under Installation.)

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11). Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla.

Finance—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; George F. Erskine (35), Hamilton.

APPROPRIATION TO CAPTAIN S. T. CONNICK.

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That the usual appropriation of $10.00 for assisting in tyling and care of Grand Lodge room during present session of the Grand Lodge be, and is hereby, allowed.

Carried.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE—LECTURE THIRD DEGREE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on By-Laws, the latter committee having in charge the by-law proposed by W.·. Bro. Charles E. Tillson (56), in reference to committing to memory the lecture of the Master Mason degree, and in default thereof disqualifying the brother from voting, from holding office, and from dimitting from his lodge, respectfully reports:

That we deem said by-law to be unconstitutional, and adhere to the recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws, as found on page 149 of the Proceedings of 1903, *i. e.*, "That the Grand Master urge all Worshipful Masters of subordinate lodges to fulfill the spirit of the proposed by-law."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
Committee.

INSTALLATION.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master announced that he was ready for the installation of Grand Officers. He appointed M.·. W.·. Bro. James McDonald (11), Grand Marshal, and the following Grand Officers were installed:

ELECTED.

James W. Foley (5).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Bismarck
Louis A. Jacobson (27)....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Hope
Grant S. Hager (30).R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32)..R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Dickinson
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

APPOINTED.

Laurence G. Moultrie* (7)...W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator, Grafton
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, Fargo
Halfdan Bendeke (4)...W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Wahpeton
Joseph M. Stewart (55)....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Mayville
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Sheldon
William E. Hoover (26)..W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Park River
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Lisbon
William I. Irvine (53).....W.·. Grand Lecturer, Lidgerwood
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Carrington
Robert M. Carothers (4)..Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Forks

EVENTS.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge on Tuesday evening, June 28, 1904, Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo, was called to order in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple. The officers of Ashlar Lodge U.·. D.·., at Granville, N. D., then assumed the various stations, and Bro. J. F. Paul Gross, a candidate of Shiloh Lodge, was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge being in attendance.

The officers of Ashlar Lodge U.·. D.·. who participated in the work were:

C. O. Piatt, W.·. M.·.; W. H. Nelson, S.·. W.·.; R. L. Richardson, J.·. W.·.; U. G. Morrison, Secretary; W. W. Horton, S.·. D.·.; Roy Cornathan, J.·. D.·.; C. A. Stubbins, Edward T. Pierson, Albert E. Lecy, J. Robert Nelson, John C. Ross, Fellow Crafts, etc.

Fellow Crafts of Shiloh Lodge assisting in the work.

On Wednesday evening, in the auditorium of the temple, an entertainment was furnished the delegates of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter R.·. A.·. M.·., consisting of moveo-electro-stereoptico-animo illustrations, W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), Senior Grand Deacon, operating the machine.

*Not present.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, James W. Foley (5), closed the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form, at 5:30 o'clock p. m., peace and harmony prevailing.

JAMES W. FOLEY (5),

Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTE.—Owing to illness on the part of M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he was unable to complete his review of other Grand Lodges, and, not desiring to have printed a fragmentary review, decided to withhold his report, with the promise that next year he would combine two years in one.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due the members of this Grand Lodge, reports as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $1,010.00, to be paid by him to the proper delegates, as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	G. W. Wasem.
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	8.10	4.00	12.10	F. M. King.
3	Casselton	Casselton	20	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	William Spriggs.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	G. F. Dullam.
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	98	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Mandan	Mandan	207	10.35	4.00	14.35	Lewis Hill.
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	W. W. Heffron.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	Jorgen Howard.
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	F. Worthing.
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2.80	4.00	6.80	W. L. Williamson.
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	6.00	4.00	10.00	J. Lohse.
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3.50	4.00	7.50	W. O. Green.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	Sidney Cohen.
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	V. S. Wisner.
17	Minto	Minto	107	5.35	4.00	9.35	J. Miller.
18	Mackey	La Moure	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	S. E. Brown.
19	Goose River	Portland	68	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	Hiram	Page	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	C. D. Lord.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	8.25	4.00	12.25	C. H. Baker.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	E. H. Busse.
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	Alex. Morrison.
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	D. L. Warriner.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	W. E. Hoover.
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	Geo. A. Luce.
28	Forest River	Inkster	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	W. E. Muir.
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	Wm. Mills.
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	M. Buchanan.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112	5.60	4.00	9.60	W. H. Taylor.
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	W. L. Richards.
33	Star in the West	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	J. W. Rode.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	John Rylance.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142	7.10	4.00	11.10	D. J. Parks.
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	R. B. Warren.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3.05	4.00	7.05	Thos. Jacobson.
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	Martin Kratt.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	J. L. Green.
40	Cando	Cando	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	F. F. Vaughn.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	Chas. Gunthrop.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2.85	4.00	6.85	B. F. Lavalley.
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	E. C. Stevens.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	Thos. Sims.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5.30	4.00	9.30	C. D. Lord.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193	9.65	4.00	13.65	Abram Lent.
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	Frank Sims.
48	Milton	Milton	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	A. T. Helgesen.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	G. A. Best.
51	Mount Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	W. B. Overson
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6.60	4.00	10.60	J. B. Hogg.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	W. R. Movius.
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	186	9.30	4.00	13.30	H. A. Moe.
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	R. L. Kenny.
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	Frank A. Cousins.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	W. E. Spotten.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
58	Khurum	Gilby	103	5.15	4.00	9.15	R. M. McLean.
59	Independence	Leal	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	J. W. Hilborn.
60	Century	New Rockford	153	7.65	4.00	11.65	W. E. Radtke.
61	Devotion	Harvey	167	8.35	4.00	12.35	Aloys Wartner.
62	Hunter	Hunter	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	W. C. Gamble.
63	Dickey	Dickey	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	H. D. Bloss.
64	Ionic	Hannah	201	10.05	4.00	14.05	C. A. Gilbert.
65	Rugby	Rugby	224	11.20	4.00	15.20	C. B. Hughes.
66	Rolla	Rolla	233	11.65	4.00	15.65	J. E. Brown.
67	Leeds	Leeds	197	9.85	4.00	13.85	W. H. Thomas.
U. D.	Prudence	Cogswell	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	W. E. Johnson.
U. D.	Ashlar	Granville	264	13.20	4.00	17.20	C. O Piatt.
U. D.	Kenmare	Kenmare	335	16.75	4.00	20.75	W. H. Campbell.
U D	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	86	4.30	4.00	8.30	R. B. Cox.
U. D.	Berthold	Berthold	308	.....	.....	.....	.....

GRAND, PAST GRAND OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name.	Office.	Location.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Brother Receipting.
J. T. Blacklock	Grand Master	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J.T. Blacklock.
J. W. Foley	Deputy Gr. Master	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	J. W. Foley.
L. A. Jacobson	Junior Gr. Warden	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	G. A. Luce.
C. D. Lord	Grand Treasurer	Park River	140	7.00	6.00	13.00	C. D. Lord.
F. D. Hall	Grand Prelate	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	F. D. Hall.
Grant S. Hager	Senior Grand Deacon	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	G. S. Hager.
John Riessbeck	Junior Grand Deacon	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	J. Riessbeck.
Sylvester J. Hill	Senior Gr. Steward	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	S. J. Hill.
Halfdan Bendeke	Junior Gr. Steward	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	H. Bendeke.
John J. Hull	Grand Marshal	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	J. J. Hull.
J. M. Stewart	Grand Sword Bearer	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	J. M. Stewart
John F. Selby	Past Grand Master	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	John Selby.
James McDonald	Past Grand Master	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	J. McDonald.
G. L. McGregor	Past Grand Master	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	E. G. Guthrie.
George H. Keyes	Past Grand Master	Ellendale	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	G. H. Keyes.
W. L. Stockwell	Past Grand Master	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	W.L.Stockwell
Thomas E. Fox	Past Sr. Gr. Warden	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	T. E. Fox.
J. S. Campbell	Past Jr. Gr. Warden	Fargo	....	.....	4.00	4.00	F.J. Thompson
W. A. Bentley	Past Gr. Treasurer	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	F.J. Thompson
J. J. Freeman	Past Gr. Treasurer	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	J. J. Freeman.
C. A. Harris	Past Gr. Treasurer	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	C. A. Harris.
A. B. Taylor	Finance Committee	Fargo	....	.....	6.00	6.00	A. B. Taylor.
E. G. Guthrie	Finance Committee	Fargo	....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. G. Guthrie.
Robert Morrison	Finance Committee	Pembina	162	8.10	6.00	14.10	R. Morrison.
F. H. Sprague	Finance Committee	Grafton	117	5.85	6.00	11.85	F. H. Sprague
C. A. Tuttle	Finance Committee	Fairmount	61	3.05	6.00	9.05	C. A. Tuttle.
John McDonald	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Inkster	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	J. McDonald.
Halley V. Hicks	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	H. V. Hicks.
Thos. Harrison	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Blanchard	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	C. D. Lord.
Charles K. Wing	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	C. K. Wing.
Geo. F Erskine	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Hamilton	142	7.10	4.00	11.10	G. F. Erskine.

Fraternally submitted.

HERBERT W. KIFF (9),
BENJAMIN L. LEWIS (30),
FRANK A. COUSINS (56),
DAVID J. PARKS (35),
FORREST VAUGHN (40),
Committee.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

CASSELTON LODGE, NO. 3.

Douglas E. Austin, Hans Daniel Hanson,
Thomas Malone, Peter S. Weber.

HILLSBORO LODGE, NO. 10.

Sigvald C. Amlie, Duncan Cameron,
Charles W. Morgan, Daniel A. Patton.

CRESCENT LODGE, NO. 11.

William R. Fleming, Roderick McDonald,
Robert McMurchie, Miner A. Webster,
Hartsough M. Way.

WAHPETON LODGE, NO. 15.

Frank C. Callender, Robert W. Farrar,
Horace G. Klepper, Charles N. Tree.

MACKEY LODGE, NO. 18.

Orin S. Clark, Samuel A. Danford,
George R. Fralick, Engebret Thompson.

EUCLID LODGE, NO. 24.

Chas. E. Hovey.

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE, NO. 26.

Chas M. Parker, George Elliott.

DICKINSON LODGE, NO. 32.

Horace F. Hatch, Hans C. Miethie,
Alfred M. Wiley.

HAMILTON LODGE, NO. 35.

James L. Brown, Melvin S. Frise,
William C. Menzie, Martin Sarver.

MIZPAH LODGE, NO. 39.

Charles H. Folsom.

MOUSE RIVER LODGE, NO. 43.

George W. Downing, Thomas D. Mitchell.

SUSPENDED U. C.

ANCHOR LODGE, NO. 25.

Homer D. Landis.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 36.

John A. Willson.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1904, SHOWING LOCATION OF LODGES, ADDRESSES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, ETC.

Lodge.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Stated Meetings.
1 Shiloh	George W. Wasem	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2d Friday in each month.
2 Pembina	Frank M. King	Judson LaMoure, Jr.	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
3 Casselton	Stephen B. Bartlett	Charles E. Stone	Casselton	Cass	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
4 Acacia	William Spriggs	Ingvald A. Berg	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
5 Bismarck	Henry L. Reade	Burt Finney	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
6 Jamestown	H. N. Middleton	James E. Spurling	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
7 Valley City	David S. Ritchie	Henry F. Steinke	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday evening of each month.
8 Mandan	Lewis Hill	A. W. Furness	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
9 Cereal	Herbert W. Kiff	Sidney F. Sherman	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
10 Hillsboro	John F. Selby	Christian H. Baglien	Hillsboro	Traill	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
11 Crescent	William A. Gilbert	Benj. A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
12 Sheyenne Vall'y	W. L. Williamson	Henry H. Grover	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
13 Ellendale	Jochim Lohse	Harry J. T. Stirling	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
14 Sanborn	William McKean	Nelson R. Olsen	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
15 Wahpeton	Sidney Cohen	Walter L. Carter	Wahpeton	Richland	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
16 North Star	Victor S. Wisner	J. Dexter Peirce	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
17 Minto	John Miller	Samuel D. Thomson	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
18 Mackey	Stillman E. Brown	William Proctor	La Moure	La Moure	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
19 Goose River	George A. White	Orville D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
20 Hiram	Charles C. Williams	Orin A. Pearce	Page	Cass	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
21 Minnewaukan	Charles H. Baker	Ray V. Bice	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
22 Tongue River	Edward F. Koehler	Lewis L. Musselman	Cavalier	Pembina	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
23 Bathgate	Alexander Morrison	George S. Hillis	Bathgate	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
24 Euclid	R. Hudson Beek	W. C. Fairbanks	Lakota	Nelson	2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
25 Anchor	Emanuel C. Harvey	Dennis L. Warriner	Milnor	Sargent	2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
26 Golden Valley	William E. Hoover	E. Reeve Claxton	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
27 Occidental	Willis E. Taplin	Edward O. Keene	Hope	Steele	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
28 Forest River	Robert L. Bennett	Edwin Church	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
29 Hope	William Mills	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
30 Temple	Mathew Buchanan	Henry G. Vick	St. Thomas	Pembina	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
31 Golden Fleece	Hero H. Taylor	Hj. Edman	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
32 Dickinson	Wilson L. Richards	A. P. Folsom	Dickinson	Stark	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
33 Star in the West	Edward A. Crokat	Johan W. Rode	Minot	Ward	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
34 Lebanon	John Rylance	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
35 Hamilton	George F. Erskine	Herbert P. Asseltine	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
36 St. Johns	Marshall D. Miller	Robert M. Russell	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
37 Fairmount	Charles A. Tuttle	E. W. Wetherbee	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
38 Crystal	Frederick Weiss	Henry S. Dickson	Crystal	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
39 Mizpah	James L. Green	Martin N. Hudnall	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

40	Cando	Lewis J. Ransier	Reuben E. Halsted	Cando	Towner	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
41	Maple River	Charles Gunthorp	Orcutt R. Bennett	Edgeley	La Moure	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
42	Reynolds	Benj. F. Lavalley	Sever N. Thompson	Reynolds	Traill	2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
43	Mouse River	Jorgen Christianson	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
44	Tuscan	Thomas Sims	Fred. C. Fulton	Bottineau	Bottineau	2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.
45	Northern Light	William Glass	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
46	Evergreen	Abram Lent	Leopold Gibson	Minnewaukan	Benson	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
47	Willow	Frank Sims	T. I. Bowerman	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
48	Milton	Albert T. Helgeson	Charles H. Dawson	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
49	Liberty	James C. Harper	Fred V. Hutchinson	Enderlin	Ransom	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
50	Walhalla	George A. Best	George H. Lutz	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
51	Mount Morian	Willard B. Overson	Gustave B. Metzger	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
52	Fidelity	Henry M. Waldren	Thomas F. Newans	Drayton	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
53	Harmony	William R. Movius	E. L. McCutcheon	Lidgerwood	Richland	2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
54	Welcome	George C. Chambers	Joseph G. Nichol	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
55	Dacotah	Robert L. Kenney	George N. Tausan	Mayville	Traill	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
56	Aurora	Frank A. Cousins	Robert A. Bill	Carrington	Foster	Tues. on or before full moon each mo.
57	Hankinson	R. H. Hankinson	W. C. Forman, Jr.	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.
58	Khurum	Robert M. McLean	Edwin H. Lovell	Gilby	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
59	Independence	Harry W. Green	Arthur E. Lundy	Leal	Barnes	1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
60	Century	John E. Bennett	William C. Hayes	New Rockford	Eddy	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
61	Devotion	Aloys Wartner	Peter P. Swanson	Harvey	Wells	1st Wednesday of each month.
62	Hunter	Oscar C. Robinson	Samuel H. Adams	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
63	Dickey	John Warner	Ernest H. Tucker	Dickey	La Moure	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
64	Ionic	Charles A. Gilbert	Thomas H. Prior	Hannah	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
65	Rugby	Charles B. Hughes	George Straub	Rugby	Pierce	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
66	Rolla	William J. Hoskins	Walter S. Young	Rolla	Rolette	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
67	Leeds	Elisha B. Page	Andrew L. Johnson	Leeds	Benson	2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.
68	Prudence	Howard L. Saylor	Norman Cole	Cogswell	Sargent	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.
69	Ashlar	Charles O. Platt	Ulysses G. Morrison	Granville	McHenry	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
70	Kenmare	W. H. Campbell	Carl E. Nilson	Kenmare	Ward	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
71	Wimbledon	Robert B. Cox	William O. Joos	Wimbledon	Barnes	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.
72	Berthold	F. C. Walther	Walter E. Krick	Berthold	Ward	1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES, APRIL 30, 1904.

Number.	Name.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled.	Increase.	Decrease.	Membership.	Dues and Fees Paid.
1	Shiloh	32	26	28	9	2	...	9	..	..	39	9	442	$442.75
2	Pembina	4	5	6	1	...	...	2	..	..	7	2	57	57.75
3	Casselton	8	7	4	1	...	1	5	4	..	5	10	112	106.25
4	Acacia	24	22	23	10	1	6	1	..	..	34	7	231	266.75
5	Bismarck	7	8	5	1	...	...	3	..	..	6	3	79	86.25
6	Jamestown	10	11	5	2	...	2	4	..	..	7	6	129	132.00
7	Valley City	8	8	2	1	...	1	5	..	..	3	6	109	101.50
8	Mandan	3	6	7	1	...	1	1	..	..	8	2	86	82.50
9	Cereal	3	4	2	...	2	...	2	..	..	4	2	54	48.00
10	Hillsboro	4	5	6	1	...	...	2	4	..	7	6	114	98.75
11	Crescent	6	3	4	1	...	...	1	5	..	5	6	92	85.00
12	Sheyenne Valley	6	7	6	6	3	...	5	..	..	15	5	89	85.75
13	Ellendale	5	6	5	1	...	1	1	..	..	6	2	84	78.75
14	Sanborn	4	4	4	1	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	50	51.50
15	Wahpeton	7	9	11	1	1	...	1	4	..	13	5	68	78.00
16	North Star	6	7	8	3	...	1	5	..	..	11	6	102	98.00
17	Minto	1	...	3	...	...	1	1	..	..	3	2	46	38.50
18	Mackey	2	4	4	1	...	1	...	4	..	5	5	40	40.00
19	Goose River	..	1	1	...	...	...	1	..	..	1	1	30	23.75
20	Hiram	9	8	5	2	...	...	3	..	..	7	3	63	66.75
21	Minnewaukan	9	8	11	6	...	1	4	..	..	17	5	134	136.00
22	Tongue River	3	3	4	1	...	2	1	..	..	5	3	54	48.50
23	Bathgate	6	9	9	...	...	1	4	..	..	9	5	86	88.50
24	Euclid	6	5	4	...	1	1	...	1	..	5	2	58	64.50
25	Anchor	6	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	..	4	5	28	34.00
26	Golden Valley	4	4	5	1	...	1	6	2	..	6	9	83	73.25
27	Occidental	10	7	8	2	...	1	7	..	..	10	8	110	105.75
28	Forest River	6	4	6	...	...	...	7	..	..	6	7	65	63.50
29	Hope	4	4	1	4	1	...	3	..	..	6	3	49	45.75
30	Temple	1	...	5	3	...	...	3	..	..	8	3	55	48.25
31	Golden Fleece	3	6	6	1	1	...	15	..	..	8	15	47	45.75
32	Dickinson	9	8	9	2	...	1	1	3	..	11	5	107	107.25
33	Star in the West	11	7	6	3	...	...	5	..	..	9	5	62	70.50
34	Lebanon	19	21	22	1	...	...	2	..	..	23	2	158	180.50
35	Hamilton	3	7	7	...	...	...	1	4	..	7	5	36	44.00
36	St. Johns	..	2	1	...	...	...	3	1	..	1	4	37	30.25
37	Fairmount	6	6	7	...	...	...	13	..	..	7	13	44	52.00
38	Crystal	3	3	4	...	...	...	1	..	..	4	1	33	34.75
39	Mizpah	7	8	7	...	...	...	2	1	..	7	3	51	59.50
40	Cando	5	4	5	2	...	...	4	..	..	7	4	76	71.50
41	Maple River	8	9	5	...	...	...	2	..	..	5	2	39	53.75
42	Reynolds	4	4	2	1	...	...	...	..	..	3	...	40	40.00
43	Mouse River	4	4	3	2	...	...	1	2	..	5	3	39	44.25
44	Tuscan	23	20	19	5	...	1	2	..	..	24	3	69	136.75
45	Northern Light	8	7	10	2	...	2	1	..	..	12	3	67	79.25
46	Evergreen	4	5	7	1	...	...	...	..	..	8	...	82	74.00
47	Willow	12	8	6	1	1	1	1	..	..	8	2	58	81.50
48	Milton	3	4	5	...	1	...	1	..	..	6	1	53	51.75
49	Liberty	5	10	10	2	...	1	1	..	..	12	2	59	67.75
50	Walhalla	3	3	4	...	...	...	2	..	..	4	2	61	55.75
51	Mt. Moriah	5	3	1	1	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	37	41.75
52	Fidelity	2	1	1	1	...	...	1	..	..	2	1	31	29.25
53	Harmony	15	12	12	2	...	1	...	..	..	14	1	53	78.75
54	Welcome	..	1	1	...	...	...	3	..	..	1	3	28	22.00
55	Dacotah	8	6	5	1	...	...	3	..	..	6	3	36	46.00
56	Aurora	3	5	7	3	...	1	2	..	..	10	3	60	61.50
57	Hankinson	14	13	8	1	...	...	...	..	..	9	...	44	68.00
58	Khurum	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	27	31.25
59	Independence	4	3	3	...	...	...	11	..	..	3	11	25	30.50
60	Century	6	7	8	1	...	...	1	..	..	9	1	59	67.25
61	Devotion	10	8	4	...	...	...	1	..	..	4	1	54	68.50
62	Hunter	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	...	21	19.25
63	Dickey	5	6	6	2	...	1	1	..	..	8	2	27	37.25
64	Ionic	5	8	8	...	...	...	...	..	..	8	...	56	63.00
65	Rugby	6	7	7	8	...	...	1	4	..	15	5	47	61.75
66	Rolla	7	12	13	1	...	2	1	..	..	14	3	55	67.75
67	Leeds	11	12	8	2	...	...	2	..	..	10	2	30	64.75
68	Prudence	10	7	6	...	...	1	...	..	..	6	1	25	23.00
69	Ashlar	24	22	18	3	...	...	...	..	..	21	...	42	88.00
70	Kenmare	16	12	2	...	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	27	46.00
71	Wimbledon	10	8	8	...	...	...	...	..	..	8	...	28	32.00
72	Berthold	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	20	.....
	Total	509	512	468	110	15	31	183	36	..	598	250	4847	$5204.75

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

YEAR	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR. WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist	Thomas J. Wilder**	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West**§	John Davidson**	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder* **	C. T. McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden	C. T. McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **	Edward G. Benke	C. T. McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§ **	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Chas. E. Jackson§ (2)	David S. Dodds* § (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel§ (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thomas H. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1904	James W. Foley (5)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

*Deceased. §Left the jurisdiction. **With North Dakota.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	R. E. Brette	Victoria.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton.
Colorado	William D. Todd	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington, M. T.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, M. T.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, M. T.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	William H. Isaac	Baltimore, M. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John D. Vincil	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Prince William St.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Stillwater.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence, M. T.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Costa Rica	Edmund A. Osborne	San Jose.
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana Apartado 72.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	M. P. Barbogly	Athens, Rue Hippocrate
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Mexico	Jose M. Herrera	Vera Cruz, P. O. Box 56
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Wellington
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Peru	Manuel J. Caceres	Lima.
Porto Rico	.....	Mayaguez.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A	Hobart, M. T.
United G. D. L. Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway.
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
California	William M. Petrie	Sacramento.
Canada	John S. Dewar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. De Long	Grand Junction.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana.
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	Edwin St. Clair Thompson	Washington, No. 150, A St., N. W.
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece		
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St
Indiana	Luciene A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Rd.
Kansas	Henry C. Loomis	Winfield.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans.
Maine	Elbridge G. Heath	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
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Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
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Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
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New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark.
New Mexico		
New York	Donald Gow	New York, 162 W. 21st St.
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Carman S. Marshall	Bridgewater.
New Zealand	A. H. Burton	

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
New South Wales.....	Dougald Dobie.....	Panawaha.
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee.....	El Reno.
Ohio	P. H. Boynton.....	Elyria.
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland....	Portland.
*Pennsylvania	....	
Prince Edward Island..	Ambrose L. Brown....	Charlottetown.
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson....	Lima.
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrloch.....	Hull.
Rhode Island.....	C. Henry Alexander...	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
South Carolina.....	Richard F. Divver.....	Anderson.
South Dakota.....	Albert S. Reed.....	Aberdeen.
South Australia.....	Matthew V. Adams....	Adelaide.
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Tennessee	C. V. Taylor.....	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell.....	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood.	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell.....	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford.....	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	Frederick J. West.....	Menzies.
West Virginia.....	Michael Emsheimer....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett.....	Eau Claire.
*Wyoming	....	

*Does not exchange representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Minot.
Arkansas	William McKean	Sanborn.
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson.
Belgium	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo.
California	Thomas Harrison	Blanchard.
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Grand Forks.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	A. D. Flemington	Ellendale.
Egypt	Leonard A. Rose	Fargo.
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	William Clone	Larimore.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo.
Minnesota	William A. Bentley	Bismarck.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Lisbon.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania	.....	
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate.
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke	Grand Forks.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	John A. Cameron	Hillsboro.
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	John T. Brown	Lisbon.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
*Wyoming	.....	

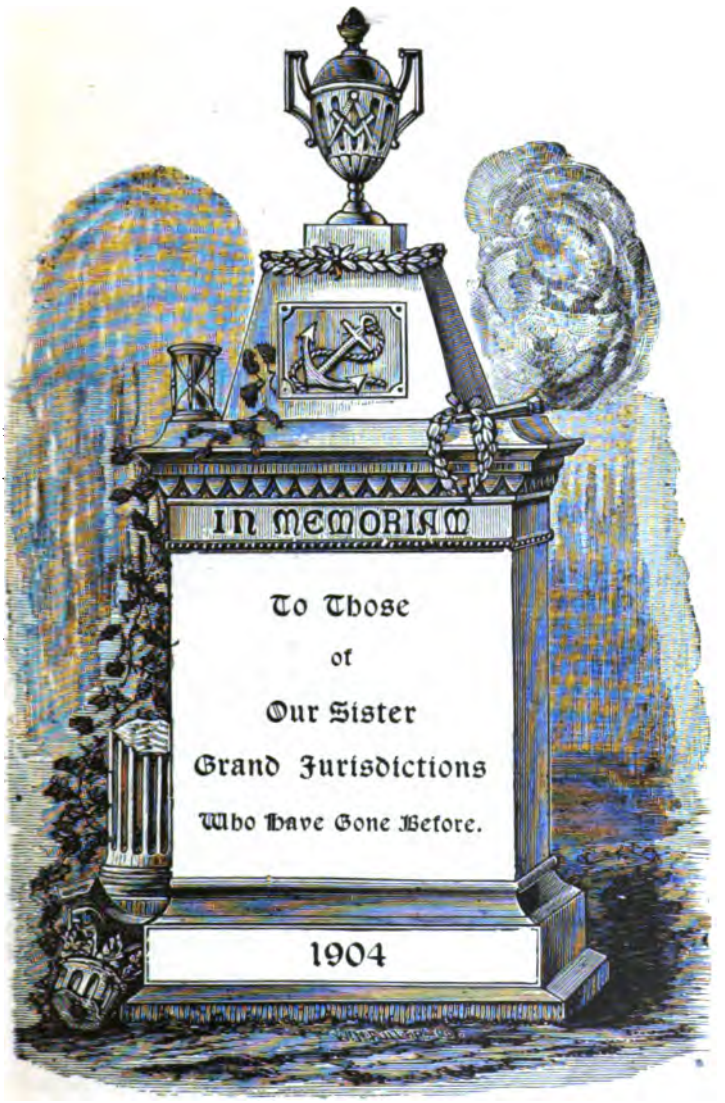
*Does not exchange representatives.

In Memory

of the

Thirty-Two Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1904.

Lodge.	Name.	Date.
Casselton No. 3	Thomas Baker	July 18, 1903
Acacia No. 4	C. Orange Wright	April 13, 1904
Jamestown No. 6	Alonzo F. Hunter	June 20, 1903
Jamestown No. 6	Mathias H. Wink	Jan. 17, 1904
Valley City No. 7	Conrad G. Foss	April 5, 1904
Mandan No. 8	Richard H. Smith	April 19, 1904
Ellendale No. 13	Thomas W. Millham	March 14, 1904
North Star No. 16	Charles P. Kinney	June 8, 1903
Minto No. 17	Alexander H. Leslie	June 2, 1903
Mackey No. 18	Foster M. Kinter	Feb. 15, 1904
Minnewaukan No. 21	Stephen P. Branchflower	Jan. 16, 1904
Tongue River No. 22	Adam B. Christie	Nov. —, 1903
Tongue River No. 22	Charles A. Holbrook	May 12, 1903
Bathgate No. 23	William A. Murphy	Oct. 15, 1903
Euclid No. 24	Robert L. Metcalf	Nov. 25, 1903
Anchor No. 25	Charles H. Dillingham	May 31, 1903
Golden Valley No. 26	Conrade Hoepfner	Sept. 3, 1903
Occidental No. 27	Chase S. Cassell	Nov. 25, 1903
Occidental No. 27	Carl Sander (an E. A.)	
Dickinson No. 32	William J. Breckon	April 25, 1904
Tuscan No. 44	Elias Ertresvaag	April 5, 1904
Northern Light No. 45	Hanse O. Lien	Nov. 14, 1903
Northern Light No. 45	Benjamin A. Upton	April 3, 1904
Willow No. 47	James H. Miller	Aug. 29, 1903
Liberty No. 49	Adoniram J. Ayers	July 25, 1903
Harmony No. 53	Harry J. Clark	Nov. 20, 1903
Aurora No. 56	John G. Moore	Nov. 22, 1903
Dickey No. 63	William M. Ross	May 9, 1903
Rugby No. 65	Fred J. Dwinell	June 16, 1903
Rolla No. 66	William Clark	Dec. 31, 1903
Rolla No. 66	Ernest F. Foley	July 8, 1903
Prudence No. 68	Norman Cole	Sept. —, 1903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To Those
of
Our Sister
Grand Jurisdictions
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At the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, held in Fargo, June 28 and 29, 1904, the following Grand Officers were elected, appointed and installed:

ELECTED.

JAMES W. FOLEY (5), M.·. W.·. Grand Master.....Bismarck
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.....Hope
GRANT S. HAGER (30), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden.....St. Thomas
JOHN RIESSBECK (32), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden.....Dickinson
CLINTON D. LORD (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.....Park River
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1), R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.....Fargo

APPOINTED.

LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7), W.·. Grand Chaplain.....Valley City
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11), W.·. Grand Orator.....Grafton
SYLVESTER J. HILL (1), W.·. Senior Grand Deacon.....Fargo
HALFDAN BENDEKE (4), W.·. Junior Grand Deacon.....Grand Forks
JOHN J. HULL (15), W.·. Senior Grand Steward.....Wahpeton
JOSEPH M. STEWART (55), W.·. Junior Grand Steward.....Mayville
JAMES L. GREEN (39), W.·. Grand Marshal.....Sheldon
WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26), W.·. Grand Sword Bearer.....Park River
WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12), W.·. Grand Pursuivant.....Lisbon
WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53), W.·. Grand Lecturer.....Lidgerwood
FRANK A. COUSINS (56), W.·. Grand Tyler.....Carrington
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4), Fraternal Correspondent.....Grand Forks

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla.

Finance—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; George F. Erskine (35), Hamilton.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Grand Forks, beginning Tuesday, June 27, 1905, at high twelve.

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OF

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GRAND MASTER 1904-1905.

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Grand Forks, N. D., Beginning Tuesday, June 27th, A.·.L.·. 5905

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota was opened in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Grand Forks, on Tuesday, and continued in said city until Wednesday, being the 27th and 28th days of June A. D. 1905, A.·. L.·. 5905, commencing at High Twelve.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

James W. Foley (5).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Louis A Jacobson (27).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Grant S. Hager (30).....R.·. E.·. Senior Grand Warden
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon

John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
Joseph M, Stewart (55).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Grand Marshal
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
William I. Irvine (53).....W.·. Grand Lecturer
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Tyler
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Fraternal Correspondent

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W.·. Brother E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: W.·. Bro. William Spriggs (4), R.·. W.·. Bro. George A Luce (27), W.·. Bro. George W. Wasem (1).

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials reports as follows:

We find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, members of standing committees, and representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

(See officers at opening.)

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
James McDonald (11).....Past Grand Master
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Edwin H. James (30).....Past Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....Past Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....Past Grand Master
James T. Blacklock (35).....Past Grand Master
Thomas E. Fox (47).....Past Senior Grand Warden
George A. Luce (27).....Past Grand Treasurer
John J. Freeman (32).....Past Grand Treasurer
Charles A. Harris (11).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—M.·. W.·. James McDonald (11), M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4), M.·. W.·. George H. Keyes (13), M.·. W.·. Edwin H. James (30), M.·. W.·. Thomas L. Foulks (12), M.·. W.·. Walter L. Stockwell (11), M.·. W.·. James T. Blacklock (35).

Finance—W.·. Alexander B. Taylor (1), W.·. E. George Guthrie (3), W.·. Robert Morrison (2).

Grievances and Appeals—W.·. John McDonald (28), W.·. Halley V. Hicks (29), W.·. Thomas Harrison (10), W.·. Charles K. Wing (38).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....Gilbert C. Grafton, W.·. M.·.
George W. Wasem, S.·. W.·.**
Horatio C. Plumley, J.·. W.·.**
Pembina No. 2.....John D. Winlaw.**
Casselton No. 3.....E. George Guthrie.**
Acacia No. 4.....Charles Allen, W.·. M.·.
William A. Stewart, S.·. W.·.
Richard S. Sterrett, J.·. W.·.
Bismarck No. 5.....William O'Hara.**
Jamestown No. 6.....Chas. C. Schmidt, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Valley City No. 7.....Sidney P. Ellis, W.·. M.·.**
Laurence G. Moultrie, S.·. W.·.**
Ed. S. DeLancy, J.·. W.·.**
Mandan No. 8.....Anson Bartlett.**
Cereal No. 9.....Herbert W. Kiff, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Geo. W. Crawford, S.·. W.·.**

Hillsboro No. 10..... Jorgen Howard, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
J. F. Hetler, J.·. W.·.
Crescent No. 11..... DeWitt C. Moore, W.·. M.·.
Nathan Upham, S.·. W.·.**
Horace G. Sprague, J.·. W.·.
Sheyenne Valley No. 12... Walter L. Williamson.**
Ellendale No. 13..... Dennis W. Coleman, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Sanborn No. 14..... Daniel F. Siegfried, W.·. M.·.,** J.·. W.·.**
Wm. O. Greene, S.·. W.·.
Wahpeton No. 15..... Sidney Cohen, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Alexander Hay, S.·. W.·.**
North Star No. 16..... Victor S. Wisner, W.·. M.·.
Geo. W. Mowris, S.·. W.·.
Clarence M. Peatman, J.·. W.·.
Minto No. 17..... Geo. Wight, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Mackey No. 18..... Detrich Suemper, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Oscar Wankle, J.·. W.·.
Goose River No. 19..... Not represented.
Hiram No. 20..... Eben Q. Carver.**
Minnewaukan No. 21..... Chas. H. Baker, W.·. M.·.
Wilbur J. Brownlee, S.·. W.·.
Fred R. Stevens, J.·. W.·.**
Tongue River No. 22..... Edward F. Koehler, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Bathgate No. 23..... Isaac J. Foster, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Euclid No. 24..... Not represented.
Anchor No. 25..... Chas. A. Long, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Thos. J. Hicks, J.·. W.·.**
Golden Valley No. 26..... Wm. E. Hoover, W.·. M.·.
Wm. Wiggins, S.·. W.·.
Robt. Arnot, J.·. W.·.
Occidental No. 27..... Albert E. Warner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Forest River No. 28..... Nelson L. McElwain, W.·. M.·.**
Wm. E. Muir, S.·. W.·.
John O'Neil, J.·. W.·.**
Hope No. 29..... Francis P. Root, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Wm. Mills, J.·. W.·.
Temple No. 30..... Benj. L. Lewis, W.·. M.·.
Thos. A. Miller, S.·. W.·.
Frank A. Douglas, J.·. W.·.
Golden Fleece No. 31..... Dugald J. McKenzie, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Dickinson No. 32..... Augustus P. Folsom.**
Star in West No. 33..... Johan W. Rode, W.·. M.·.**
Chas. F. Truax, S.·. W.·.
J. W. Samuelson, J.·. W.·.**

Lebanon No. 34	Hugh McDowall, W.·. M.·. Robert Work, S.·. W.·.** Jerry Kelland, J.·. W.·.
Hamilton No. 35	David J. Park, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
St. Johns No. 36	Dane G. Junkins.**
Fairmount No. 37	Archie W. Blake, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.* Fred P. Nelson, S.·. W.·.**
Crystal No. 38	John McIver, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Mizpah No. 39	James L. Green, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.* Chas. A. Gram, J.·. W.·.
Cando No. 40	Forest F. Vaughn, W.·. M.·. John F. Reynolds, S.·. W.·.** Harry Lord, J.·. W.·.**
Maple River No. 41	Arthur J. Kesler, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Reynolds No. 42	Not represented.
Mouse River No. 43	Geo. H. Soule, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* Evarts C. Stevens, S.·. W.·.**
Tuscan No. 44	Thos. Sims, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Northern Light No. 45	Not represented.
Evergreen No. 46	Not represented.
Willow No. 47	John P. Holl, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Milton No. 48	John W. Pomeroy,**
Liberty No. 49	Not represented.
Walhalla No. 50	James W. Harvey, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* John M. Morin, S.·. W.·.
Mt. Moriah No. 51	Onesmus B. Hayes, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Fidelity No. 52	Ole C. Olson.**
Harmony No. 53	Wm. I. Irvine, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Welcome No. 54	Not represented.
Dacotah No. 55	Robt. L. Kenney, W.·. M.·.** Joseph Carhart, S.·. W.·.** Geo. N. Tausan, J.·. W.·.
Aurora No. 56	Frank A. Cousins, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* Chas. E. Tillson, S.·. W.·.**
Hankinson No. 57	John D. Greene, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Khurum No. 58	Chas. Harshman, W.·. M.·. Herbert J. Bardell, J.·. W.·.
Independence No. 59	Not represented.
Century No. 60	Roscoe R. Woodward.**
Devotion No. 61	Hugh Montgomery.**
Hunter No. 62	Robert A. Sayer, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.* Wm. C. Gamble, S.·. W.·.
Dickey No. 63	Wm. V. Johns, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Ionic No. 64	Matthew McKnight, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Rugby No. 65	Fred L. Ely, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*

Rolla No. 66.....Wm. O. DePuy, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Leeds No. 67.....Elisha B. Page, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Prudence No. 68.....Elmer T. Roberts, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* S.·. W.·.*
Ashlar No. 69.....Richard L. Richardson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Kenmare No. 70.....Wm. H. Campbell, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Wm. H. Makee, S.·. W.·.
Wimbledon No. 71.....Albert H. Hanson, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Berthold No. 72.....Frederick C. Walther, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
John J. Manning, S.·. W.·.**
Mohall U.·. D.·.....H. Herbert Steele, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*
Westhope U.·. D.·.....Wm. H. Lackey, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.,* J.·. W.·.*

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Arizona .....Thomas E. Fox (47).
Canada .....Alexander B. Taylor (1).
Costa Rica.....Edwin J. Taylor (4).
Delaware .....Walter L. Stockwell (11).
England .....Frank J. Thompson (1).
Illinois .....E. George Guthrie (3).
Indiana .....John J. Hull (15).
Indian Territory..... Henry M. Wheeler (4).
Ireland .....Charles Allen (4).
Louisiana .....Thomas L. Foulks (12).
Maine .....Charles A. Harris (11).
Manitoba .....Thomas Nisbet (4).
Missouri .....George A. Luce (27).
Nevada .....Walter L. Williamson (12).
New Brunswick.....Louis A. Jacobson (27).
New York.....Sylvester J. Hill (1).
North Carolina.....James McDonald (11).
Ohio .....James W. Foley (5).
Quebec .....Henry M. Wheeler (4).
Rhode Island.....Halfdan Bendeke (4).
South Dakota.....Frank J. Thompson (1).
South Australia.....John McDonald (28).
Scotland .....Alexander C. Mather (4).
Tennessee .....Grant S. Hager (30).

*And proxy for Master or Wardens.

**Not an officer. but representing Lodge or proxy for Master or Wardens.

Utah ..... Edwin H. James (30).
Victoria ..... James T. Blacklock (35).
Wisconsin ..... Evarts C. Stevens (43).

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4),
GEORGE A. LUCE (27),
GEORGE W. WASEM (1),
Committee.

INVITATION.

R.·. W.·. Brother Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

The hour being 12:30, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until 1:30 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor at 1:30 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers be appointed, to whom shall be referred the several reports without further action.

Carried.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced as such committee: W.·. Dennis W. Coleman (13), W.·. Hugh McDowall (34), W.·. Thomas Sims (47), W.·. Charles Allen (4), William O'Hara (5).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother James W. Foley (5), then read his annual address.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We are met in our sixteenth annual communication to make report of our transactions during the past year; to take counsel among ourselves as brethren of what shall best conserve the dignity, profit and honor of our ancient Institution; and to decide those questions which come before us at each communication, upon whose right determination much of our welfare and fraternal happiness depend.

We are assembled this year in one of the temples of Masonry, recently erected in this state, and which in its construction and adornment typifies the solid growth and beauty of Freemasonry. Let us before proceeding with the work of our communication take note of the symbolism of this and all masonic temples. The solidity of its construction is indicative of the sound body of man, preserved in health and strength by temperance, chastity, and prudence; its interior adornment, illustrative of those intellectual and spiritual graces with which the mind is adorned, and which it is the purpose of our Institution to develop and to multiply. Masonry seeks to combine the sound mind and healthful body to the end that its patrons may be known everywhere as persons of more than ordinary attainments, as loyal citizens, upright men, and marked by this Order as worthy of honor and preferment. But as a temple, however splendid in its exterior, is incomplete without interior adornment, so the temple of man's body is incomplete without those ennobling graces of mind which should always be our purpose to inculcate and to develop. Let us, therefore, mindful of our obligations to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and to our fellow-men, renew in this communication our pledges, revive our better and nobler impulses to their fullest, and resolve in all our walks and undertakings to put forth our best and noblest efforts.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Death, the leveler, has been busy, both in our own and in sister grand jurisdictions. The masonic family has been bereaved in the loss of many of its children. Such is our faith, however, that we follow them to the tomb, not in the dumb and unreasoning grief of those who are fearful of the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, but sustained and comforted by the abiding faith of continued brotherhood in the Celestial Temple above.

To the immediate families and friends of our departed brothers, we offer our tribute of respect and sympathy. The illustrious examples of those who have reached high places, we shall set up as worthy standards for our emulation. I shall not occupy your attention at this time with an enumeration of those distinguished brethren of this and sister grand jurisdictions who have passed from labor here to refreshment in the Celestial Temple, but will leave that duty to a Committee on Obituary, that by their work will be perpetuated upon our records the good deeds and worthy examples of our departed brethren.

GROWTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

We have in the past year created five new lodges, and our membership has considerably increased. The report of the Grand Secretary will set forth these facts in detail. Dispensations for two lodges have been granted in the course of the year. The rapid increase in population of the state, the establishment and growth of new towns, and the tendency of Masonry to keep pace with the growth of settlement, promise much for the future of the Institution. We must, however, be careful that the growth of Masonry be a healthy growth, self-sustaining and of positive benefit and assistance to the body of Masonry. The creation of new lodges should be surrounded by such safeguards as will make every one a thriving child of the parent Grand Lodge. Let us relax none of our vigilance, and let us in the future as in the past strive to keep the Institution clean, dignified and sound.

CONSTITUTION OF LODGES.

On July 18th I issued a commission to Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Fox to constitute Ashlar Lodge at Granville and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"MINOT, N. D., August 9, 1904.

"JAMES W. FOLEY,
"Most Worshipful Grand Master, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
"Bismarck, N. D.

"*Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:* I have the honor to report that, pursuant to the commission deputizing me to act as your deputy to constitute Ashlar Lodge No. 69, at Granville, N. D., and install its officers, I visited Granville on July 30, 1904, and constituted said lodge and installed its officers in due and ancient form, and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Master. I was assisted in the work by Brother Sims, M.·. W.·. of Willow Lodge, and Brother Christianson, W.·. M.·. and officers of Mouse River Lodge. Ashlar Lodge exemplified the work. Two candidates received the third degree. The work was done in a very creditable manner. After the lodge closed we attended a banquet.

"Fraternally yours,
"THOMAS E. FOX,
"*Acting Grand Master.*"

On July 18th I issued a commission to Worshipful Master Thomas Ritchie, of Valley City, to constitute Wimbledon Lodge No. 71, at Wimbledon, and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"VALLEY CITY, 8/5, 1904.

"J. W. FOLEY,
"Grand Master,
"Bismarck, N. D.

"*Most Worshipful Sir:* Agreeably to your orders, I went to Wimbledon on August 3d, 1904, and constituted Wimbledon Lodge No. 71 and installed its officers. I found the lodge very comfortably located in a good large room with good furnishings. The officers were equipped for work, and good prospects for a prosperous year ahead. I found a membership of twenty-eight with three petitions presented, one condidate for the E.·. A.·., one for the F.·. C.·. and one for the M.·. M.·. degrees. After the ceremonies of constituting the lodge were completed, I installed the officers, as follows: Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·.; Albert H. Hanson, S.·. W.·.; Arthur G. Swartwout, J.·. W.·.; Wm. O. Joos, Sec.; Depew R. Swartwout, Treas.; F. August Wilkie, S.·. D.·.; Russell A. More, J.·. D.·.; Peter C. Toste, S.·. S.·.; Turner A. More, J.·. S.·.; Ferdinand Flohr, Tyler.

"The brethren then invited us to a very nice banquet, after which we returned to the lodge room and conferred the F.·. C.·. degree on a candidate.

"I believe Wimbledon Lodge has a useful and prosperous future, and with officers well up in the work, backed by interested members, in a thriving, thrifty location, I expect to hear good reports from Wimbledon Lodge No. 71.

"Thanking you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the honor conferred, I beg leave to submit the above report, and subscribe myself

"Fraternally yours,
"T. N. RITCHIE."

On July 20th I issued a commission to Right Worshipful Brother Thomas E. Fox, of Minot, to constitute Berthold Lodge No. 72, and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"MINOT, N. D., July 29, 1904.

"JAMES W. FOLEY,
"Grand Master, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
"Bismarck, N. D.

"*M.·. W.·. Sir and Brother:* I have the honor to report to you, Most Worshipful Sir, that pursuant to the commission giving me authority to act as your deputy, and according to your instructions, I went to Berthold July 26, 1904, and constituted Berthold Lodge No. 72, and installed its officers in due and ancient form, and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Mas-

ter. I was ably assisted in the work by Worshipful Master Crokat, and nine of the brethren of Star in the West Lodge, of Minot. After the ceremonies were finished a banquet was attended by all the brethren and thoroughly enjoyed by them. This lodge starts out with a small membership, twenty, just the constitutional number to obtain a charter. They have a large field in which to work. The Worshipful Master and members are all enthusiastic Masons and well skilled in the work. I believe this lodge will be a credit to our Fraternity.

"Fraternally yours,
"THOMAS E. FOX,
"*Acting Deputy Grand Master.*"

On July 29th I issued a commission to Worshipful Brother Halley V. Hicks, of Oakes, to constitute Prudence Lodge No. 68, at Coggswell, North Dakota, and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"OAKES, N. D., August 11, 1904.

"MR. JAMES W. FOLEY,
"M.·. W.·. G.·. M.·.

"*Dear Sir and Bro.:* I beg to submit, as your deputy, my report in the constitution of Prudence Lodge No. 68, at Cogswell, North Dakota.

"Agreeably to your instructions, I repaired to the town of Cogswell on the evening of August 8, 1905, where I constituted Prudence Lodge No. 68, agreeably to the charges of our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, and installed the officers as follows:

W.·. M.·., Howard L. Saylor.
S.·. W.·., William E. Johnson.
J.·. W.·., Albert Peterson.
S.·. D.·., Lloyd D. Price.
J.·. D.·., Frank Ashley.
Treas.·., George W. McWilliams.
Secty.·., Harold E. Shearn.
Tyler, Elmer T. Roberts.
Stewards, John Baird, Frank S. Black.

"In this work I was ably assisted by Bro. Wm. N. Bateman, of Hope Lodge No. 29.

"On account of unfavorable weather, there were not as many present as I had expected and desired. Quite a number of the brethren reside some distance in the country.

"I found the brethren very enthusiastic, with plenty of good material to draw from, and I believe Prudence Lodge will show a good report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

"Fraternally submitted,
"HALLEY V. HICKS,
"*Deputy Grand Master.*"

I also issued a commission to Worshipful Brother C. B. Hughes, to constitute Kenmare Lodge No. 70 and install its officers. His report is as follows:

"RUGBY, N. D., Aug. 24, 1904.

"JAMES W. FOLEY,
"Grand Master,
"Bismarck, N. D.

"*Dear Sir and M.·. W.·. Bro.:* Pursuant to your instructions, I proceeded to Kenmare and on the 23d day of August, 1904, formally constituted Kenmare Lodge No. 70, and installed its officers.

"The officers installed were in accordance to the nominations in the warrant, and are as follows:

William H. Campbell, W.·. M.·.
William H. MaKee, S.·. W.·.
John N. Fox, J.·. W.·.
Emil Larson, Treas..
Carl E. Nilson, Secy.·.

"The other officers nominated in the warrant failed to put in their appearance, and of course their installation will have to take place some subsequent period under the direction of Wor. Bro. Campbell. The masonic spirit is at a high ebb in Kenmare, and there is undoubtedly a bright future in store for this particular lodge. With best wishes for you and yours, I remain,

"Very cordially and fraternally yours,
"C. B. HUGHES."

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES.

On July 5, 1904, I granted a dispensation for the institution of a new lodge at Mohall, Ward County. The petition for dispensation was one that had been presented to my predecessor in the last days of his term and was referred by him to me for action. The petition was signed by the required number of Master Masons, and dispensation was recommended by Star in the West Lodge. The officers of the lodge were as follows:

H. Herbert Steele, Worshipful Master.
Charles Lano, Senior Warden.
Rockie W. Anderson, Junior Warden.

On March 17th I granted a dispensation for a new lodge at Westhope, in Bottineau County. The petition was signed by twenty-two Master Masons, accompanied by the dimits, and dispensation was recommended by Tuscan Lodge, at Bottineau. The following officers were named:

William Lackey, W.·. M.·.
William A. Meddaugh, S.·. W.·.
Charles N. Morwood, J.·. W.·.

In each of these cases I was satisfied, before granting dispensations, that there was the material for a thriving lodge, and I have to recommend that charters be granted by this Grand Lodge.

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Owing to the inability through illness of the Fraternal Correspondent, R. M. Carothers, to prepare a report last year in time for incorporation in the printed proceedings, I directed that the report be withheld and that the fraternal correspondence for the two years be incorporated in the proceedings of this year.

DISPENSATIONS.

There was the usual call during the year for dispensations, both for the conferring of degrees in less than the usual time, for the installation of officers at a time other than prescribed, and in several cases for the election of officers to fill vacancies. In two cases, I granted dispensations to confer more than one degree at the same meeeting. These were cases of particular urgency, where it would have been a hardship to have refused the request for dispensation. In each of these cases, I required from the Master his assurance that the person upon whom the degrees were conferred would be instructed and rendered proficient in his work. In all other cases I made proficiency in the work, proven by examination in open lodge, a prerequisite to a dispensation for advancement in less than the prescribed time.

DECISIONS.

Not many questions involving matters that have not been clearly passed upon were raised during the year. The following decisions cover the new questions raised for determination:

Question: The lodge at A. at the last day of election of officers, elected a Senior Warden, who, prior to installation and without the consent of the lodge, went on a protracted visit to another part of the country. The Senior Warden preceding the Senior Warden elect, was elected and installed Master. The lodge is now virtually without a Senior Warden. Does the failure, without sufficient cause or excuse, of an elective officer not succeeding himself, to present himself for installation on or before St. John's Day, December 27th, create a vacancy in the office to which he was elected?

Answer: I will hold under the statement of facts presented in this case that the Worshipful Master may declare a vacancy in the office after an affirmative vote by your lodge at a special meeting, due notice of which shall be given to all members, to become effective upon the approval of the Grand Master, to whom an immediate statement shall be made of the facts and the action of the lodge. In the absence of specific law upon this point, I will rule that your Master may call a special meeting, giving due notice to the members. At that meeting he may present a

statement of the facts in the case and put the following question: Q. "Shall the office of Senior Warden be declared vacant?" If the vote of the lodge is in the affirmative, then the Master may declare the office vacant, effective upon the approval of the Grand Master, to be filled as prescribed by the masonic laws.

Question: A resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge at D. moved with his family to another state. He returned after several months for a stay of three or four months, and desires to present his petition for degrees to the lodge from whose jurisdiction he removed shortly before. Can the lodge accept his petition, or has it lost jurisdiction?

Answer: If the person removes to another state with the intention of making his residence there, and he returns only for a sojourn, then your lodge has lost jurisdiction over him and could not receive his petition and confer the degrees. Masonic residence is a matter of intent—that is to say, the intent of the person when he removed from your jurisdiction to locate elsewhere; and the fact that he did so locate forfeited his masonic residence, notwithstanding he removed only a few months ago and that he is returning for a stay of several months.

Question: Is a man with the left hand amputated just above the knuckles, but who has good use of the thumb, eligible to the degrees in Masonry?

Answer: No.

Question: A resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge at C. was arrested and bound over to the district court on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors. His case has not yet come up. He is not selling liquor at the present time, and may never again, but the old charge is still undisposed of. He applies for initiation into the lodge. He is a good business man, pays his debts, and a respectable citizen otherwise. We do not like to turn him down and still do not feel that it is proper to let him in. Is he good masonic material?

Answer: I should say that the application of one who has been arrested and bound over to the district court on a charge of selling intoxicating liquors so short a time ago as last fall, though the case has never been disposed of, is not such a one as a masonic lodge should look upon with favor. The masonic law is that the application of no person who sells intoxicating liquors shall be received, and, indeed, a specific declaration is required in the application that the apaplicant does not sell intoxicating liquor. It would not do, of course, to hold a candidate always disqualified or undesirable because of some past indiscretion or misdemeanor. An honest change of heart and general reform are always possible. Nevertheless, I think a probationary period should intervene long enough to convince members of your lodge that the change of heart is general, and arises

from a sincere desire to do better, and not from any consideration of expediency. I do not believe it would be wise for your lodge to elect a candidate over whom rests an unsettled charge for the violation of state laws, unless your lodge is satisfied that the prosecution was malicious and based upon allegations that you know were unfounded.

Question: A resident of the jurisdiction of the lodge at M. received the Entered Apprentice degree three years ago. Shortly afterwards he received an injury, which necessitated amputation of his left leg at the knee joint, and he has never taken the other two degrees. He is a worthy man, and he and his family are very anxious that he should be advanced. Is there not some way whereby the man can be advanced, by dispensation, or in any other way?

In answer to this I held that he could not be advanced, under approved rulings of the Grand Lodge, which holds that ability to perform all things required to be done without the aid of artificial means is necessary in an applicant for the degrees. While in this case it works an apparent hardship in that the Entered Apprentice degree has already been conferred, in view of the rulings I could not see my way clear to permit the advancement.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

On July 26th I issued a commission to Right Worshipful Brother Carman S. Marshall to represent the Grand Lodge of North Dakota near that of Nova Scotia. The commission was issued on the recommendation of the Grand Master of Nova Scotia, our former Grand Lodge Representative, Frank A. Marshall, having died on March 20, 1904.

On July 21st I recommended Brother Halfden Bendeke, of Grand Forks, to the Grand Master of Rhode Island for appointment as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island near that of North Dakota, Brother Charles E. Kermott, of St. Thomas, having removed from the State.

JURISDICTION.

Only one jurisdictional question was raised during my term of office, with reference to a lodge having jurisdiction of the town of Edmore. After making a careful investigation of distances, I decided that Edmore was in the jurisdiction of Langdon, and directed that the petitions, which had been presented to the lodge at Devils Lake through inadvertence, be surrendered to the lodge at Langdon, unless jurisdiction was waived.

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION.

On February 27th, for the Grand Lodge, I signed a waiver of jurisdiction to Alpha Lodge No. 230, jurisdiction of Minnesota, over Joseph

Thompson, J. F. Johnson, Alexander Smart and Frank Harrington, all of whom desired to become members of Alpha Lodge. Hillsboro Lodge No. 10 unanimously assented to the request of Alpha Lodge for a waiver of jurisdiction, and the waiver was further recommended by Past Grand Master Selby, who wrote, at the request of the Worshipful Master of the lodge, asking my approval of the action of the lodge.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Maple River Lodge No. 41. at Edgeley, having erected a temple, desired to form a corporation, and submitted articles of incorporation for approval. These I referred to Past Grand Master Selby, who has had much to do with the investigation of this question of incorporation, and requested him to formulate articles of incorporation in a form that might be adopted and made use of by all lodges desiring to incorporate. Brother Selby devoted considerable time in perfecting some articles and submitted them to me for my approval. They embodied, I believe, all the requirements of the Grand Lodge and are such as should be made use of by all incorporated lodges. I directed a warrant for $25 drawn to Brother Selby in payment for his time and trouble, which action I request this Grand Lodge to approve.

REQUEST FROM MILTON LODGE.

On April 8th I received from Brother Brynjolf Prom the following communication:

"The membership of Milton Lodge No. 48 is around sixty. Many of the members live in Osnabrock, a village six miles distant, and in its vicinity, and find it not only difficult but fraught with danger to health to attend lodge at Milton during the fall and winter months. They also feel they receive very little benefit from the lodge and are becoming rusty and are losing interest. In looking about for a remedy, we thought that if the Grand Lodge would grant our lodge at Milton a dispensation to hold regular meetings at Osnabrock as well as at Milton, it would result in great good to our lodge and make many of the members attend in spirit. The Osnabrock brethren have given us assurances that they have a splendid lodge room there, and they feel that if a dispensation could be granted by the Grand Lodge to allow Milton Lodge to hold meetings in Osnabrock at stated intervals or otherwise as the Grand Lodge deems wise, great good would result to the lodge."

In the absence of precedent, and for the reason that no inconvenience could result in the little time intervening before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I wrote Brother Prom that I would take no action upon the matter, but would refer this request to the Grand Lodge directly at its meeting. While there are doubtless some benefits that would arise from such a dispensation, there are also other considerations and matters which should be safeguarded in case any such permission was granted. I would

recommend that a committee be appointed to consider this communication, and also hear the representatives of Milton Lodge here present, and report to the Grand Lodge its recommendations.

CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this grand jurisdiction during the year. There has been a notable growth in the grand jurisdiction so far as the number of lodges is concerned, within the past few years, and I believe the institution of Masonry is destined further to grow in numbers and in usefulness. In my dealings with subordinate lodges, I have endeavored to exercise the greatest care, and have acted in all cases as I believe was consistent with masonic spirit and usage, and for the benefit and welfare of the Craft at large. I have received only one or two complaints from individual brethren who claimed to be aggrieved by the action of any lodge. In one case, through a misinterpretation of law, as I believe, a brother, who had received the Entered Apprentice degree, was stopped in his advancement by virtue of a secret objection. He complained to me, requesting that he be informed of his rights in the matter, and I corresponded with the Worshipful Master, who, after the Grand Lodge ruling was pointed out to him, withdrew his action in sustaining the objection, and stated that unless charges were preferred as required by the Grand Lodge, the brother would be advanced. The matter was adjusted without friction, and in that spirit of harmony that should cloak all similar transactions.

RENTAL FOR GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

The offices of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge are provided in the temple at Fargo at a nominal rental. The expenses of maintaining that temple are large, and for several years past a deficit has had to be reported after all sources were drawn upon. In view of the fact that this Grand Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and that it is not necessary for it to take advantage of the nominal rental fixed by the Temple Trustees, I would suggest that an appropriation of at least one hundred dollars a year be made for the rental of the Grand Secretary's offices, to be paid from the funds of this Grand Lodge. This, it seems to me, is a very low rental in view of the accommodations received and the benefits obtained from these desirable quarters.

GRAND LECTURER.

At the last communication of this Grand Lodge, Brother W. I. Irvine was appointed Grand Lecturer. His report will present to you in detail what has been done towards instructing officers of particular lodges. Brother Irvine has been faithful, and his best efforts have been lent towards the instruction of those lodges which have been in need of his serv-

ices. In this connection, it appears to me that it would be wise for this Grand Lodge to combine the work of the Grand Lecturer and that of an accounting officer or checking officer, who should visit the particular lodges, examine their records, instruct them in the manner of keeping records, see that the records of membership, the conferring of degrees, dimits and other important matters were properly kept, and thus bring about a better condition of the records of particular lodges. The reports made to the Grand Secretary show that there is need of improvement in these particulars. I believe an appointee of the Grand Master, who could combine the duties of Grand Lecturer and of a checking officer, could do much towards benefiting both the particular lodges and this Grand Lodge, and bring about a condition of particular lodge records much better and more desirable than the existing conditions.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to return my thanks to the officers and brothers of this Grand Lodge and of the particular lodges for the uniform courtesy and kindness that has marked them during my term of office. To Grand Secretary Frank J. Thompson I am indebted for many kindnesses, and his always willing assistance and counsel have been of especial value. The office of Grand Master is an important one, and is one upon which I entered with much trepidation and concern. I have endeavored in all things to act, not from any personal motives or interest, but as I believed was in accordance with masonic law, spirit and usages and for the best interests of the Craft. In relinquishing the gavel of authority, I do so, feeling that it will be safe in the hands of my successor, and conscious that it has never been wielded arbitrarily, and if it has ever sounded unjustly it has been because human judgment is ever fallible, however just and upright may be human intentions. Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. FOLEY,
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.'. W.'. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26) then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer has the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of his office for the fiscal year just closed:

RECEIPTS.

1904.		
June 27.	Balance on hand as per last report	$8,148.38
Nov. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	24.50
Nov. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	150.00
Nov. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
Nov. 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	9.65

1905.		
Mar. 16.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 16.	Received from Grand Secretary	6.75
June 16.	Received from Grand Secretary	8.42
June 16.	Received from Grand Secretary	31.20
June 16.	Received from Grand Secretary	.50
June 21.	Received from Grand Secretary	5.00
June 24.	Received from interest	150.60
June 26.	Received from Grand Secretary	5,188.75
	Total receipts	$13,763.75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Order No. 227	$200.00
Paid Order No. 228	100.00
Paid Order No. 229	10.00
Paid Order No. 230	100.00
Paid Order No. 231	22.09
Paid Order No. 232	114.35
Paid Order No. 233	1,010.00
Paid Order No. 234	114.35
Paid Order No. 235	114.35
Paid Order No. 236	114.35
Paid Order No. 237	20.00
Paid Order No. 238	185.49
Paid Order No. 239	100.00
Paid Order No. 240	200.00
Paid Order No. 241	7.50
Paid Order No. 242	114.35
Paid Order No. 243	114.35
Paid Order No. 244	25.00
Paid Order No. 245	114.35
Paid Order No. 246	11.60
Paid Order No. 247	200.00
Paid Order No. 248	25.00
Paid Order No. 249	114.35
Paid Order No. 250	114.35
Paid Order No. 251	100.00
Paid Order No. 252	114.35
Paid Order No. 253	114.35
Paid Order No. 254	25.00
Paid Order No. 255	50.00
Paid Order No. 256	114.35
Paid Order No. 257	150.00
Paid Order No. 258	50.00
Paid Order No. 259	109.01

Paid Order No. 260	17.60
Paid Order No. 261	200.00
Total expenditures	$4,290.49
Balance cash on hand	9,473.26
	$13,763.75

Fraternally submitted,
CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then submitted his report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

I have the honor herewith to submit my thirteenth annual report as your Grand Secretary:

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The annual returns of all chartered lodges and lodges under dispensation have been received. Not all returns were filed within the statutory time, a detailed account of which the Finance Committee will give in its report. Some of the delinquencies were caused by not having the money for dues and fees in the Grand Secretary's office May 15th, the returns having been received before that date. I do not quite understand why a lodge should delay the money part of the returns, because, by a special resolution of this Grand Lodge, a Master and Secretary are authorized to draw a warrant for dues and fees owing the Grand Lodge without action of the particular lodge. If the Master be absent from the city in which the lodge is located, his absence *de facto* empowers the Senior Warden, or in absence of both Master and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, to sign warrants as acting Master. In all cases where returns were not received between May 1st and 10th, it has been my practice first to write to the Secretary concerning the same, and then, if he did not respond in a few days, to write to the Master, so that in all cases due and timely warning and notice was given to avoid the imposition of the fine. Often this part of the detail of annual returns has been of no inconsiderable proportion. The blank return sheets were sent to the various lodges about the middle of April with a return postal card for acknowledgment of blanks. In case the postal card was not returned in due time, I wrote to ascertain whether the blank returns were received.

From the errors and omissions in the returns, I am forced to believe that all of the Secretaries are not properly using the card system a

by this Grand Lodge. Out of the total of seventy-four lodges, not more than half a dozen returns were correct and complete, and these were mainly from small lodges, and in some instances very little, if any, work was done, and there was practically nothing to report. It also appears that the blanks on petition of applicants are not properly filled out, because one of the errors was the failure to report proper personal and masonic history on the returns.

It is doubtless unnecessary to go into details of the numerous errors which have been made, but a general mention of a few of them may be of interest. This year a large number were reported as either dimitted, died, or suspended, who had never been reported to the Grand Lodge as members; and often found that a lodge would suspend an Entered Apprentice for non-payment of dues, and, upon investigation, it developed that the suspended brother had received the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees, but these facts had never been reported to the Grand Lodge. Then, I found dimissions of suspended Masons, so far as the Grand Lodge records were concerned, but after inquiring into the matter was informed that the brethren had been reinstated. In other cases have found in the masonic history that an affiliating brother was last a member of some lodge within the state and had made his new membership by a dimit issued by that lodge. On referring to the Grand Lodge records, found that the lodge issuing the dimit had never reported the brother as being a member of that lodge. Of course, correspondence with the Secretary would elicit the fact that the brother's membership had never been reported to the Grand Lodge.

I have found an inexcusable dereliction on the part of lodges doing work for other lodges in this state in reporting back to the mother lodge that the work had been done. In one instance, the Secretary of a certain lodge reported the dimission of a brother who had never been raised, so far as the Grand Lodge records showed. Upon inquiry, found that the Master Mason degree had been conferred by another lodge in the state, but the home lodge could never get the conferring lodge to make a report. In this case, a letter was addressed to the Secretary of the conferring lodge concerning the same, but failing to receive an answer resorted to inquiry from one of the officers of this Grand Lodge, who was a member of the conferring lodge, to get matters straightened out, which he did very promptly. In other cases, in order to straighten out membership, I have been obliged to write to the local Secretaries of lodges in other grand jurisdictions, and also to Grand Secretaries of other grand jurisdictions to urge their local Secretaries to move, from which it will be noted that our Secretaries are not the only ones delinquent in promptness.

Sometimes rather unusual and interesting cases arise, and while they involve more or less work, they add a little gusto to return work. For illustration, a certain lodge reported a brother joining as a Fellow Craft. The returns showed on the face that he was raised in a lodge in Ohio and had been dimitted from a Canadian lodge as a Fellow Craft. I wrote to

the Secretary, but he could offer no lucid explanation, and also wrote to the brother himself, but never received a reply. I then took the matter up with the lodge in Ohio and the lodge in Canada, and found the following were the facts: The brother had been initiated and passed in the Ohio lodge. and this lodge had waived jurisdiction over the brother in favor of the lodge in Ontario. The brother had remained a Fellow Craft member of the Ontario lodge, and had dimitted from that lodge as a Fellow Craft, and had been received into one of our lodges as a Fellow Craft member. These facts did not affect the membership of our lodge, but it was necessary in order to make our records complete to know what the facts were.

In several instances lodges would insist that the number of members as shown by the Grand Lodge records was incorrect, and objected to paying dues on more members than they claimed. In order to straighten out these controversies, it was deemed best to make a complete list of the membership for verification with the lodge's records. In every case the error was due to the failure to report the exit of some member or members in former years.

I do not wish to tire you with these matters, but thought that it would be of general interest to the Grand Lodge members to know of some of the detail workings of the Grand Secretary's office, that you who are present may benefit by this knowledge and better appreciate the services of a real good, live, local Secretary. I sometimes think that the office of Secretary of a particular lodge is not appreciated sufficiently by the members. Masters may do their work, embellished with accuracy of ritual and impressiveness of ceremony, and receive the honors justly their due, but the Secretary, sitting off in one corner, unobtrusive and scarcely observed, receives no honors, while, in fact, he is the abdominal brain of the lodge: and without his functions the involuntary life of the lodge would become moribund, to say the least. In my experience I have found that the best lodges in the state have the best Secretaries, and I say this with all due deference to the other officers of the lodge.

Agreeably to a custom which I have fallen into, I give herewith a list of the lodges whose returns were received on or before May 3d, and also a list of the lodges whose returns were in my hands within fifteen days after the last meeting:

Date Returns
Received. Lodge and Location.
April 20th—Dickey Lodge No. 63.
April 21st—Golden Valley Lodge No. 26, Park River.
April 22d—Valley City Lodge No. 7.
April 22d—Crescent Lodge No. 11, Grafton.
April 22d—Sanborn Lodge No. 14.
April 22d—Occidental Lodge No. 27, Hope.
April 24th—North Star Lodge No. 16, Larimore.
April 25th—Jamestown Lodge No. 6.

April 25th—Forest River Lodge No. 28, Inkster.
April 26th—Dacotah Lodge No. 55, Mayville.
April 27th—Minnewaukan Lodge No. 21, Devils Lake.
April 27th—Fidelity Lodge No. 52, Drayton.
April 28th—Star in West Lodge No. 33, Minot.
April 29th—Bathgate Lodge No. 23.
April 29th—Hope Lodge No. 29, Oakes.
April 29th—Century Lodge No. 60, New Rockford.
April 30th—Casselton Lodge No. 3.
April 30th—Wahpeton Lodge No. 15.
April 30th—Fairmount Lodge No. 37.
April 30th—Aurora Lodge No. 56, Carrington.
April 30th—Khurum Lodge No. 58, Gilby.
April 30th—Ashlar Lodge No. 69, Granville.
May 1st—Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo.
May 1st—Acacia Lodge No. 4, Grand Forks.
May 1st—Goose River Lodge No. 19, Portland.
May 1st—Liberty Lodge No. 49, Enderlin.
May 1st—Harmony Lodge No. 53, Lidgerwood.
May 2d—Lebanon Lodge No. 34, Langdon.
May 2d—Evergreen Lodge No. 46, Minnewaukan.
May 2d—Willow Lodge No. 47, Willow City.
May 3d—Mouse River Lodge No. 43, Towner.
May 3d—Northern Light Lodge No. 45, Cooperstown.
May 3d—Welcome Lodge No. 54, Churches Ferry.

In the following table the figures show the number of days elapsing after meeting at which work was done, or petition received, or ballot taken, as shown on returns, and receipt of returns:

Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	1
Star in the West No. 33, Minot	1
Dickey No. 63	1
Casselton No. 3	2
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton	2
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	3
Crescent No. 11, Grafton	3
Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan	3
Bathgate No. 23	4
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	4
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	4
North Star No. 16, Larimore	5
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	5
Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood	5
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	5
Jamestown No. 6	6

Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	6
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	7
Century No. 60, New Rockford	7
Wimbledon No. 71	7
Occidental No. 27, Hope	8
Dickinson No. 32	10
Mohall U. D	10
Ashlar No. 69, Granville	11
Westhope U. D	12
Mouse River No. 43, Towner	13
Hankinson No. 57	13
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	14

The year has been a prosperous one, but not so much so masonically as the previous years. The largest number raised by any one lodge was 51 by Shiloh Lodge No. 1, of Fargo, with a total increase in membership of 42. Shiloh Lodge suffered a great loss by the death of 9 of its members.

Acacia Lodge No. 4, of Grand Forks, is the next in number of raising, having 16 to its credit. Its total increase was 11.

Valley City Lodge No. 7, Rolla Lodge No. 66, and Kenmare Lodge No. 70 are each credited with 14 raisings.

The following is a list of lodges whose raisings were 9 or more. I also give the lodge membership, so that the comparison may be made between the raisings and the number on the roster, also giving the total increase:

	Raisings.	Total Increase.	Membership.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	51	42	484
Casselton No. 3	10	2	114
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	16	11	242
Valley City No. 7	14	16	125
Star in West No. 33, Minot	10	6	68
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	13	12	170
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	11	10	79
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	9	8	67
Hankinson No. 57	9	8	52
Ionic No. 64, Hannah	12	12	68
Rolla No. 66	14	14	69
Ashlar No. 69, Granville	10	11	53
Kenmare No. 70	14	14	41

On April 30, 1905, the total membership of our chartered lodges was 5,102. Adding to this number the membership of the lodges under dispensation at the expiration of their dispensations, the total membership amounts to 5,153, as against 4,847 last year, a total increase of 306 as against 449 the previous year.

The total raisings for this year were 526, as against 593 in 1904. This falling off is no doubt due to the fact that last year we had five lodges under dispensation, while this year we had only two, and lodges U.·. D.·. usually do a large amount of work during the first year of their existence. It will be seen that the difference between our total increase of this year and that of last is not alone due to the falling off of raisings, but from a larger number of dimissions, deaths, and suspensions.

The income from dues and fees for 1904 was $5,204.75. The total income this year from the same source is $5,188.75, a decrease of $16.00.

The largest amount paid by any one lodge is that of Shiloh No. 1, of Fargo, being $552.45, making about one-tenth of the income of the Grand Lodge for this year.

EXPIRATION OF DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGES.

This Grand Lodge has no rule or custom fixing the time for the expiration of dispensations issued for the formation of new lodges. Basing my judgment upon experience of the past, I believe that the Grand Lodge should fix a time for the expiration of these dispensations, and set a date when the returns of lodges U.·. D.·. must be in the Grand Secretary's office under the same condition for failure as prevails with chartered lodges. I believe that no dispensations for lodges U.·. D.·. should extend beyond June 1st, and that the returns and other papers of these lodges should be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than June 10th; that failure to comply with these requirements should be followed by the imposition of the same penalty as prevails for chartered lodges.

It is next to impossible for the Grand Secretary to close up his financial records, or to write his report, until the returns of such lodges are at hand. Almost always correspondence must follow these returns, and no more than ample time would be given between June 10th and the time when the Grand Secretary should begin to assemble his report, if all correspondence is answered promptly.

I would therefore recommend that this matter be assigned to a special committee to formulate a resolution to meet these conditions.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRY.

All chartered lodges have been furnished with completed membership cards during the year, as has been our usual custom. The five new lodges which were chartered have also been furnished with the complete membership outfit, making the membership record of each lodge in the state fully complete to April 30, 1904, and agreeing with the records of the Grand Lodge.

FINANCES.

I have omitted a detailed statement of the financial part of the Grand Lodge, for the reason that the Committee on Finance has carefully gone

over the books and records of the Grand Treasurer and of your Grand Secretary, and are ready to make a detailed statement in reference to income and expenditures.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

This Grand Lodge is fortunate in having no family quarrels to settle. Harmony has prevailed throughout our grand jurisdiction, even to such an extent that there have been no expulsions or suspensions except for non-payment of dues. This state of affairs surely should be gratifying to all good Masons.

MILITARY LODGE CERTIFICATES.

The matter of Military Lodge Certificates has been before the Grand Lodge for the past two years. The first was a resolution to have such certificates prepared; the second was the preparation to have them distributed to the members of the old Military Lodge. These certificates, as many of you recollect, were made up from an original drawing. During the past year I have had the names and the titles of those to whom they were to be issued engrossed in the same style as the text of the certificate, and by the artist who drew the original design.

There are between two and three hundred of these certificates, and inasmuch as the payment for this work had been taken out of the contingent fund, I found that it was impossible to procure the proper tubes and pay the expenses of mailing except by overdrawing the contingent appropriation. Therefore they are still in my office waiting until money is available to distribute them.

CLANDESTINE LODGES.

I was authorized at the last Grand Lodge session to purchase seventy-five copies of a book containing the names and locations of all the regular masonic lodges in the world. These copies were to be distributed among the various lodges in the state for the purpose of protecting them against the numerous clandestine Masons, made in clandestine lodges which are springing up. I corresponded with the publishers of this work, which is rather under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and found that their latest edition was exhausted, and that a new one would not be published until sometime this summer. Therefore, was unable to comply with the action of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGES ASKING RECOGNITION.

The Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and Queensland have officially asked recognition at our hands, and I would recommend that a Committee on Foreign Relations be appointed to consider this matter.

The Grand Secretary here read the following letter, omitting the name and address of the writer.

"VALLEY PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30, 5905.

"MR. FRANK J. THOMPSON,

"Grand Secretary Grand Lodge N. Dakota, F. & A. M.

"*Venerable Brother:* Your kind favor of the 25th November received and contents noted. I thank you very much for the noble and masonic sentiments you express in your kind letter to me. May the Great Grand Master above ever bless you and your Grand Lodge. I have written to every American Grand Lodge on this subject, and I am very sorry to say that there are only four out of fifty-six who recognize the Latin speaking Grand Lodges of Europe and South America. I being a member of a Latin Grand Lodge, I know what persecutions the Mason must stand in those Catholic countries. I know in my own Grand Lodge how the Catholic priest has striven to break up the sacred homes of our beloved brethren. They haunt you like a snake in the dark grass, and strike when your back is turned.

"I have heard many things said about the Latin Grand Lodges by the Grand Secretaries of the different states. Some should be ashamed to call themselves Masons. If they should visit some of these countries, they would find out that the beloved brethren of the Craft were not only Masons, but gentlemen. Now, my dear Brother, I wish to thank you and the beloved brethren who constitute your lodges. Your work is noble and truly masonic. Keep on the same road and your Grand Lodge will prosper, and you will command the true brotherly respect of all Masons of the Latin Grand Lodges. And when your brethren visit these lodges they will find a warm and hearty welcome, and if need be a true friend in time of need. I hope the day will come when the American Grand Lodges will understand what true Masonry is; that they will come together with every Grand Lodge of the world and make Masonry what it should be, one universal brotherhood.

"Receive, dear brother, the fraternal embrace and the kiss of peace.

"H. G."

GRAND SECRETARIES.

It may not be appropriate for a Grand Secretary to deal with necrology, but when one of the grand secretarial guild passes away, the death, someway, comes a little closer to me, other things being equal, than others who have been honored by even more exalted offices. During the past year, Brother John D. Vincil, the Grand Secretary for twenty-seven years of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, passed to the Great Beyond. It was never my pleasure personally to meet Brother Vincil, but during the days when I was writing our correspondence reports Brother Vincil and myself sometimes grew very vigorous in our mention of each other, and yet always in a fraternal spirit. Brother Vincil was one of the old Grand Secretaries of

our galaxy of Grand Lodges, and one whose individuality not only impressed itself strongly upon his own grand jurisdiction, but upon sister grand jurisdictions.

It is not so very long ago when I was among the new recruits in the grand secretarial field, but during my terms of office an unusual number of deaths of Grand Secretaries have occurred, so that I am creeping toward that condition which is sometimes described as a veteran in the cause. You know that those in similar lines of work always feel a something in common with one another, and, no doubt, it is but natural that that feeling should come to me as it has come to others, and when Grand Secretaries pass away it in some way reminds me of the fate which sooner or later must overtake your Grand Secretary. And when I take up correspondence with a new Grand Secretary, it is almost like entering some old family home from which the familiar faces gave gone.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

The library has continued to increase in volumes, but not so much so as in some of the years past. I have been husbanding our resources, knowing that we had a great many volumes of proceedings and magazines to be bound, and did not desire to run short of funds in having this work done.

Our curios department shows a nice increase. I have received some valuable Alaskan curios at the hands of Past Grand Master William T. Perkins, who has always shown more than usual interest in our Grand Lodge Library.

It will doubtless be gratifying for you to know that the system of masonic library classification of this Grand Lodge has been adopted by several Grand Lodges, among which is the great Iowa collection, the largest masonic library in the world.

CONCLUSION.

Some way the older we grow the faster the years seem to speed away. It scarcely appears to be twelve months since this Grand Lodge was assembled in annual communication. Many of you are here for the first time, and many faces are new, but to those who have come from year to year the drifting away of the old faces, and the dying out of familiar voices, reach out and strike the more solemn chords of our being. The joys of all annual gatherings have their shadows in the absence of those we hoped to meet. These are some of the lights and shadows which make the picture of life, and, doubtless, they are necessary; for if all the picture were light, the outlines of emotions and sentiment would be lost; and if all dark, the shadows would hide them all.

In growing old, we find two facts: one that new friendships do not knit themselves so closely into the tissues of our hearts; and the other.

that an appreciation of friendship comes with a warmer, yet sadder, light than it did when the world was all before us. We also come to find that worldly wealth and honors are not the things which sweeten the maturer lives, but rather the friends we have made and the good we have done.

To me these annual gatherings always mean that I must look again upon the picture of the living, and must in the light find the shadow of those who are no more. Doubtless you all at least know me by name. Out of the limitation of human capacity, many of you are strangers to me, and many faces that are familiar are not connected with the names that I know. Yet we are all engaged in the same cause, that of mutual assistance and of trying to lift to a higher level the brethren of the mystic tie, and in that we have something in common, and in that we should all feel tied to one another. If I cannot call you all by name, put it down to the fallibility of human nature, but believe that my interest in your good work is just as great as though I knew the name by which you are distinguished among your fellows. "What is in a name?" The old Egyptian considered it one of the most fearful calamities which could befall him to have his name die out. Therefore he caused to be carved upon his tomb, and imprinted upon papyri, which were deposited in his coffin, the appellation by which he was distinguished in life. But, alas, the effort; for the name that we read upon these old records is absolutely meaningless to us, and does not connect our minds with any person who ever lived; and only proves that that by which man is distinguished among his neighbors is as fleeting as time and as evanescent as a lifting fog.

This year we meet in Grand Forks, and in a new temple which the energy of our brethren here has erected and dedicated to the service of our cause. I know that the hospitality of our Grand Forks brothers will warm all our hearts so that the trade winds of inharmony will fall in the calm of peace and good will.

Trusting that our meeting will be as pleasant and profitable as those of the past, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Lecturer, W.∴ Bro. William I. Irvine (53), then made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge A.∴ F.∴ & A.∴ M.∴ of North Dakota:

The work of instruction in the particular lodges of this jurisdiction progressed to such a degree under my predecessor, Bro. John Scott, that my task was a very difficult one. When I began the work last December and until I had traversed the entire state, I was courteously received and found the lodges in good condition, generally. I held 66 schools between the 10th of December and the 24th of March.

Five lodges requested to be excused from holding school, each giving a reason therefor, and in those lodges no school was held. They were: Crescent No. 11, Grafton; Hiram No. 20, Page; Temple No. 30, St. Thomas; Dacotah No. 55, Mayville; and Dickey No. 63, Dickey. I did not visit Anchor No. 25, Milnor. It was arranged for me to visit that lodge on the 27th of December and hold a school and install their officers, but owing to a severe storm prevailing on that day and the previous day it was impossible for me to get to that town to keep my appointment. The date set for the school of Liberty Lodge No. 49, at Enderlin, was cancelled at the request of the lodge and they requested a new date, but owing to the fact that I was in another part of the state at that time and could not be with them, I did not assign them a second date. Excepting the seven lodges last mentioned by name, I visited all the chartered lodges in our jurisdiction and held schools of instruction. In all of them an evening session was held, and in many there were two sessions, afternoon and evening, while in two or three a forenoon session was also held, making three.

I found the officers of the lodges endeavoring to conform to uniform work and adhering closely to the adopted ritual and in general well versed in the ritualistic and floor work. When visiting Sanborn Lodge No. 14, Lebanon No. 34, Berthold No. 72, and Hankinson No. 57, the Master Mason Degree was conferred, and the officers of the lodges acquitted themselves creditably. When at Occidental No. 27, the degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred by that lodge, which also does good work.

My financial report is as follows:

Paid for mileage on N. P. Ry.	$25.00
Paid for mileage on G. N. Ry.	50.00
Paid for mileage on Soo Ry.	25.00
Paid cash fares on Milwaukee Ry.	2.80
Paid for livery hire	14.50
Paid for stationery and blanks	4.50
Paid for postage	3.00
Total	$124.80
Credits:	
By cash received from Grand Secretary (appropriation)	$100.00
By G. N. mileage not used, 400 miles	10.00
By Soo mileage not used (200 miles)	5.00
Total	$115.00
Balance due	9.80
Total	$124.80

Fraternally submitted,

W. I. IRVINE,
Grand Lecturer.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), Chairman of the Finance Committee, then read the report of such committee, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Agreeably to resolution of this Grand Lodge, your Finance Committee has audited the books, vouchers, and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, and respectfully reports that it finds the books of the several Grand Officers kept in a business-like manner, with vouchers for all expenditures, and all moneys properly accounted for, and herewith presents a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements in the several funds.

There have been received from all sources during the year the following amounts:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report in hands of Grand Treasurer	$8,148.38
Balance in hands of Grand Secretary, balance 1903-04 contingent	6.78
Received—Charter fees Prudence Lodge No. 68	30.00
Received—Charter fees Ashlar Lodge No. 69	30.00
Received—Charter fees Kenmare Lodge No. 70	30.00
Received—Charter fees Wimbledon Lodge No. 71	30.00
Received—Charter fees Berthoid Lodge No. 72	30.00
Received—Dispensation fee Mohall Lodge U. D	20.00
Received—Dispensation fee Westhope U. D	20.00
Received—Crystal Lodge No. 38, dues and fees 1903	24.50
Received—Sale G. L. Codes and express on same	8.42
Received—Sale Morals and Dogmas	6.75
Received—Membership record Sanborn Lodge No. 14	9.65
Received—Membership record Prudence Lodge No. 68	5.90
Received—Membership record Ashlar Lodge No. 69	7.00
Received—Membership record Kenmare Lodge No. 70	6.20
Received—Membership record Wimbledon Lodge No. 71	6.25
Received—Membership record Berthold Lodge No. 72	5.85
Received—Dues and fees 1905	5,188.75
Received—Fine (delayed returns Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 51)	5.00
Received—Sale of registry cards	.50
Received—Interest	150.60
	$13,770.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

Premium Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's bonds		$27.50
Mileage and per diem, 1904		1,010.00
Printing Proceedings 1904		197.09
Membership registry		259.01
Grand Lecturer		100.00
Aprons Grand Officers		17.60
Miscellaneous printing		42.41
Express, freight and postage		59.19
Engrossing charters		17.10
Furniture and fixtures		28.04
Military Lodge certificates		36.75
Miscellaneous appropriations		1,929.29
Miscellaneous contingent		573.29
Masonic Home Fund	$420.60	
Balance in General Fund	9,052.66	
		9,473.26
		$13,770.53

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Receipts—	
Balance from last report	$563.84
Library tax, 1905	505.30
Library tax Crystal Lodge No. 38 for 1903	3.00
	$1,072.14
Disbursements—	
Library books and binding	$111.65
Furniture and fixtures	78.57
Balance on hand	881.92
	$1,072.14

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Balance, 1904	$265.00
Interest	150.00
Fines	5.00
	$420.00
Balance on hand	$420.00

We further find that the annual returns of the following lodges were not in the hands of the Grand Secretary within the statutory time, and are therefore subject to the fine imposed by the Grand Lodge, viz.: $5.00 each:

Minto Lodge No. 17.
Mackey Lodge No. 18.
Crystal Lodge No. 38.

Your committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	200.00
Printing Proceedings	400.00
Membership Registry	150.00
Contingent	750.00
Fraternal Correspondent	100.00

Fraternally submitted,
ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—LIBRARY TAX.

For the Finance Committee, W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1) read the following report and moved its adoption, and it was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Inasmuch as the Library Tax of ten cents per member expires with this year, your Finance Committee would recommend that the same be continued for a further period of five years.

Fraternally submitted,
ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee:

W.·. Bro. Harry Lord (40), W.·. Bro. William O. De Puy (66), W.·. Bro. Robert L. Kenney (55)

DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of the Reports of Grand Officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to dispensations other than for the creation of new lodges; the appointment of Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges; the waiver of jurisdiction over timber of Hillsboro Lodge No. 10 to Alpha Lodge No. 230, Minnesota, the same coming clearly within his prerogatives, does not need reference.

2. That so much thereof as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to a committee on Obituary.

3. That so much as refers to Dispensations for new lodges be referred to a committee on Lodges Under Dispensation.

4. That so much as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

5. That so much thereof as refers to remuneration to Bro. Selby for drawing a proper form of incorporation of lodges be referred to the Committee on Finance.

6. That so much as refers to the holding of meetings of Milton Lodge No. 48 alternately between Milton and Osnabrock be referred to a special committee.

7. That so much thereof as refers to an annual appropriation to the trustees of the Masonic Temple at Fargo, in consideration of the use of the rooms occupied in said temple for Grand Secretary's offices and Grand Lodge Library, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

8. That so much as refers to the Grand Lecturer, and the extending the duties of such officer to examining the records of particular lodges be referred to a special Committee on Grand Lecturer.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

9. The report of the Grand Treasurer, having already been audited by the Committee on Finance, does not need reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

10. That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to chartered lodges be referred to a committee on Chartered Lodges.

11. That so much thereof as refers to fixing date for the expiration of dispensations for lodges U.·. D.·. be referred to a special committee.

12. That so much thereof as refers to the recognition by this Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and Queensland be referred to a Committee on Foreign Relations.

GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT.

13. That the report of the Grand Lecturer be referred to the special Committee on Grand Lecturer, as provided in section 8 of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

DENNIS W. COLEMAN (13),
HUGH McDOWALL (34),
THOMAS SIMS (44),
WILLIAM O'HARA (5),
CHARLES ALLEN (4),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Necrology—Sylvester J. Hill (1), Daniel F. Siegfried (14), DeWitt C. Moore (11), Detrich Suemper (18), Eben Q. Carver (20).

Lodges U.·. D.·.—Walter L. Williamson (12), Jorgen Howard (10), Charles H. Baker (21), Edward F. Koehler (22), Charles A. Long (25).

Special Committee, Milton Lodge—Herbert W. Kiff (9), Charles C. Schmidt (6), Fred L. Ely (65), Francis P. Root (29), George H. Soule (43).

Grand Lecturer—Joseph M. Stewart (55), Thomas A. Miller (30), Gilbert C. Grafton (1).

Chartered Lodges—Anson Bartlett (8), Sidney Cohen (15), Victor S. Wisner (16), Isaac J. Foster (25), Albert E. Warner (27).

Special Committee U.·. D.·.—Sidney P. Ellis (7), Augustus P. Folsom (32), Nelson L. McElwain (28), John P. Holl (47), David J. Park (35).

Foreign Relations—William E. Hoover (26), Robert M. Carothers (4), Roscoe R. Woodward (60), James L. Green (39), John W. Pomeroy (48).

TIME FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Brother Edwin H. James (30) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Carried.

At 3:50 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

(WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1905.)

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Harry Lord (40), was adopted:

(For report, see appendix immediately following closing.)

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Anson Bartlett (8), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges begs leave to report that it has examined the returns of chartered lodges, and find all to be regular in form.

Fraternally submitted,

ANSON BARTLETT (8),
SIDNEY COHEN (15),
VICTOR S. WISNER (16),
ISAAC J. FOSTER (23),
ALBERT E. WARNER (27),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Relations made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. William E. Hoover (26), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the consideration of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and the Grand Lodge of Queensland, begs leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The regularity of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico seems to be established, and

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Queensland was regularly constituted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, evidenced by the facts in the case as they appear in the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales,

We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Lodge of North Dakota recognize the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

Fraternally submitted,
WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26),
ROSCOE R. WOODWARD (60),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
JAMES L. GREEN (39),
JOHN W. POMEROY (48),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Necrology made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Necrology begs leave to submit the following report:

During the year that has passed the Silent Reaper has not been idle, and we find the following among the honored dead of our sister Grand Jurisdictions:

R.·. W.·. M. G. MARSHALL: Died May 22, 1904. Representative of our Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

WM. H. H. FLICK: Died June 7, 1904, aged sixty-two years. Past Grand Master, Grand High Priest, Grand Commander, West Virginia; volunteer 41st Ohio Regiment; lawyer; member of State Legislature; U. S. District Attorney.

CHARLES CLARENCE WARNER: Born August 19, 1850; died June 13, 1904, through accident. P.·. D.·. G.·. M.·. Arizona, 1898. Member of State Legislature; miner.

GEORGE T. COOPER: Born April 15, 1845; died June 20, 1904. D.·. G.·. M.·. Colorado at time of demise, and P.·. G.·. H.·. P.·.; soldier in the Confederate Army; expert electrician.

CHARLES ALBERT FISHER: Born June 13, 1860; died July, 1904. S.·. G.·. W.·. South Dakota at time of death; real estate and insurance. Lived at Aberdeen. Married Miss Belle Burritt, a Fargo girl, who took up his business and is carrying it on successfully.

CHARLES M. SWAIN: Died July 23, 1904, aged fifty-four years. J.·. G.·. W.·. Pennsylvania at time of death. A man of genial qualities, and respected by his brethren.

JAMES RATHBONE WESTON: Born April 24, 1824; died Aug. 13, 1904. G.·. M.·. Montana, 1871. A pioneer, whose early life was full of adventure in the troublesome times of early Montana.

TRENMOR COFFIN: Born Aug. 22, 1848; died Aug. 26, 1904. G.·. M.·. Nevada, 1903; lawyer by profession; legislator and at one time speaker of the Assembly.

JAMES WILLIAM HATHAWAY: Born Sept. 25, 1844; died Aug. 29, 1904. G.·. M.·. Montana, 1887; soldier in 105th Ohio Infantry; severely wounded at Chaplin Height; came to Montana in 1864 by ox-train.

ALBERT WELLS COE: Born Aug. 14, 1833; died Sept. 5, 1904. G.·. M.·. South Dakota, 1897. One of the founders of the Masonic Veterans' Association of that state.

JAMES HAMILTON MILLS: Born Dec. 21, 1837; died Sept. 5, 1904. G.·. M.·. Montana, 1895; enlisted as private in 40th Pennsylvania Infantry; participated in nearly all the general engagements of the Potomac; was brevetted Lt. Colonel; came to Montana, 1866.

GEORGE E. WAGNER: Born May 18, 1842; died Sept. 30, 1904. P.·. G.·. M.·. Pennsylvania; enlisted as a private in the Civil War; was discharged a Brevet Colonel U. S. Volunteers; was severely wounded at the battle of Olustee.

JOHN DAVIS VINCIL: Born Aug. 24, 1830; died Oct. 12, 1904. In 1877 he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. and A.·. M.·. of Missouri, which position he held to the date of his death; he was a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Commander of that Grand Jurisdiction. For many years he wrote the Fraternal Correspondence Report for that Grand Lodge, and derived, through it, and work along similar lines, the justly acquired reputation of excellence and merit in the literature of the Craft.

MARQUIS FAYETTE KING: Born Feb. 18, 1835; died Oct. 21, 1904. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine at time of death; was president of the Maine Genealogical Society and editor of the Masonic Journal.

OZRO MEACHAM: Born Aug. 28, 1831; died Oct. 23, 1904. G.·. M.·. Maine, 1883-84; soldier of the Civil War, Co. G, 12th Vermont Volunteers; served through the Gettysburg Campaign.

JOHN NEWTON McCLANHAN: Born July 7, 1833; died Nov. 30, 1904. Grand Master Iowa, 1880; by profession a lawyer.

GEORGE BANTA VAN SAUN: Born Oct. 29, 1831; died Dec. 21, 1904. Grand Master Iowa, 1881.

JACOB ARMEL KIESTER: Born April 29, 1832; died Dec. 13, 1904. Grand Master Minnesota, 1889-90; served Faribault County as Register of Deeds six years, and as Judge of Probate over twenty-one years.

OLIVER LIBBEY: Born June 7, 1835; died Dec. 26, 1904. Grand Master Wisconsin, 1884-5, two terms.

SAMUEL MANNING TODD: Born Sept. 15, 1815; died Feb. 1, 1905. He served the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as Grand Master, 1859, 1869-72; Grand Treasurer, 1861, 1867-68; Grand Secretary, 1862-66; Grand Recorder Grand Commandery, 1864; Grand Commander, 1866-67; Grand Treasurer, 1874 to 1901; Thirty-third, Honorarium, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, and elected Grand Auditor, *ad vitam* in 1870, and served in that capacity until his death; captain in Co. A, Louisiana Guards, Confederate Army.

THEODORE WYGANT: Born Nov. 22, 1831; died Feb. 9, 1905. Grand Treasurer Oregon, 1874 to 1878; moved to Oregon in 1850.

DAVID CHRISTMAS MOORE: Born March 9, 1815; died March 17, 1905. Grand Master Nova Scotia, 1888-89; clergyman of the Church of England.

NELSON G. HINCKLEY: Born Aug. 20, 1820; died March 20, 1905. It does not appear that this brother was ever an officer of the Grand Lodge, as we understand that term, but for thirty-five years was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He was active all his life in lodge affairs, and tenacious in adhering to things masonic as he learned them in his younger days. He was a "correct and impressive ritualist," but having learned the work "previous to the adoption of the Standard Ritual, he adhered to it with the utmost tenacity—never countenancing the least deviation from it." He was born in Hartford and lived there during his eighty-five years. He succeeded his father in the mercantile business, and conducted the same until his retirement from active service.

ALMON R. DEWEY: Born Oct. 1, 1845; died April 15, 1905. Grand Master Iowa, 1897; soldier 150th Ohio; lawyer; jurist.

OLIVER AUGUSTUS WHITTEMORE: Born March 2, 1828; died May 12, 1905; first Grand Secretary Colorado, 1861-65; Deputy Grand Master, 1867; held civic offices; engaged at time of death in real estate business.

GEORGE S. GREEN: Born Dec. 16, 1845; died May 19, 1905. Grand Master Kansas, 1883; Grand High Priest, 1884; soldier Co. C, 17th Ohio Infantry; was in eighteen battles and with Sherman to the sea.

JESSE B. ANTHONY: Died May 26, 1905. Past Grand Master New York. From the establishment of the Masonic Home at Utica until time of death, fourteen years, he was its superintendent. No Mason in the Empire State was better known or more universally respected. For years he wrote the voluminous, elaborate and meritorious Fraternal Correspondence Report of that Grand Lodge, which in completeness doubtless excelled all other reports of this kind. His position in masonic work stands out unique and characteristic. He was among the last of famous Masons whose talent and energy have embellished our fraternity with that excellence and solidity which has made Masonry a power for good, and has commanded the world's respect for our Institution.

The list of those from our own Grand Jurisdiction will be compiled from the returns, and we recommend that the usual memorial pages be placed in our proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SYLVESTER J. HILL (1),
DANIEL F. SEIGFRIED (14),
DETRICH SUEMPER (18),
EBEN Q. CARVER (2),
DEWITT C. MOORE (11),
Committee.

REPORT—SPECIAL COMMITTEE—MILTON LODGE.

The Special Committee on request from Milton Lodge made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Herbert W. Kiff (9), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the Milton request, begs leave to make the following report.

We are unable to learn of a precedent for such action as requested by Milton Lodge, and it would seem to be contrary to the customs and usages of the Craft. Were such an action taken, it might tend to create dissensions and factions in lodges.

We would therefore recommend that the request be not granted.

Fraternally submitted,

HERBERT W. KIFF (9),
CHARLES C. SCHMIDT (6),
GEORGE H. SOULE (43),
FRED L. ELY (65),
FRANCIS P. ROOT (29),
Committee.

REPORT—SPECIAL COMMITTEE—LODGES U.·. D.·.

EXPIRATION OF DISPENSATIONS.

The Special Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which, on motion of Brother Sidney P. Ellis (7), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Special Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·., appointed per recommendation of the Grand Secretary, beg leave to report that we recommend that all dispensations issued for the creation of new lodges expire on May 31st; that all returns, papers and documents, together with fees, must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary not later than June 10th following; that a failure so to do shall be followed by the same penalty as is now imposed upon chartered lodges for failure to get returns and money in the hands of the Grand Secretary by May 15th.

Fraternally submitted,

SIDNEY P. ELLIS (7),
AUGUSTUS P. FOLSOM (32),
JOHN P. HOLL (47),
NELSON L. McELWAIN (28),
DAVID J. PARK (35),
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—MAINTENANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following supplemental report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Address relating to the Grand Secretary's offices and the Grand Lodge Library, and recommending an appropriation therefor, respectfully recommend

That an appropriation of $120 be and is hereby made to the Trustees of the Masonic Temple, at Fargo, annually, toward the maintenance of heat and light of the rooms occupied by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Library.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Joseph M. Stewart (55), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Grand Master relative to Grand Lecturer, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report.

Considering the fact that this Grand Lodge has always had a Grand Lecturer, and through the splendid efforts of this Grand Officer the various local lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction are in a reasonably competent condition to present the prescribed work of the Craft in a creditable manner; and, from the report of the Grand Secretary, it would appear that there is a laxity in the business departments of the local lodges, which entails added work upon the Grand Secretary's office, and for the better interest of the Craft,

Be it Resolved, That the functions of Grand Lecturer include those of a Grand Auditor, whose duties shall consist in examining the records of particular lodges, and instructing them in a uniform system of keeping their minutes, accounts, card systems, and all work of a business nature, as well as to instruct in the ritualistic and esoteric work, and that said officer shall be appointed in consultation with the Grand Secretary, and work in conjunction with the Grand Secretary's office the better to facilitate the duties thereof.

Your committee further recommends that that part of the report of the Grand Lecturer showing a balance due to him in the performance of his duties, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
THOMAS A. MILLER (30),
GILBERT C. GRAFTON (1).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Walter L. Williamson (12), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. begs leave to report that it has examined the petitions, by-laws, records, and work of

Mohall Lodge U.·. D.·., Mohall, N. D.,
Westhope Lodge U.·. D.·., Westhope, N. D.,

and find the same in form and compliance with the usages of this Grand Lodge except as follows:

The recommendation of Mohall Lodge by Star in the West Lodge No. 33, Minot, does not have attached the seal of said Star in the West Lodge; that in the petition for charter of Westhope Lodge the several dates which should appear therein are not filled out, and we further find no copy of the by-laws of said lodge among the papers furnished this committee.

Your committee would recommend that when these omissions are supplied to the satisfaction of the Grand Secretary that charters be granted to said lodges, namely:

Mohall Lodge U.·. D.·.
Westhope Lodge U.·. D.·.

and that they be numbered in accordance with the usages of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12),
JORGEN HOWARD (10),
CHARLES A. LONG (25),
EDWARD F. KOEHLER (22),
CHARLES H. BAKER (21),
Committee.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—GRAND LECTURER.

The Finance Committee made the following report in re deficit due Grand Lecturer, which report, on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

We, your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the matter of Grand Lecturer's expenses, which were in excess of the stated appropriation to the amount of $9.80, respectfully recommend that a special appropriation be made to cover the deficit.

Fraternally submitted,
ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—PURCHASE TYPEWRITER.

The matter of purchase of a typewriter adapted for registry card work, having been referred to the Finance Committee, that com-

mittee made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota.

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the purchase of a typewriter for the card system, respectfully recommend that an appropriation of $70, or as much thereof as may be necessary towards the purchase of a typewriter, be made.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
Committee.

DEFINING DUTIES OF FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT.

The matter of what should or should not be incorporated in the review of fraternal correspondence was brought up by M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers, writer of the correspondence report. The question was discussed, pro and con, and the concensus of the members present was in favor of confining the review to the reporting of approved decisions made by the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges. It was believed that the space which could be allotted to a review of any one Grand Lodge was too small, the expense of preparation and printing too great, and the readers of the report too few, to make it worth the while. It seemed that with few exceptions the greater number of fraternal reviews were largely devoted to complimentary remarks among Correspondent writers, or criticisms which served no practical end; that through the reporting of approved decisions, or making syllabi thereof, each year's review would be of practical value as showing the true trend of masonic thought and the moulding of masonic law and precedents. Therefore

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers moved:

That the work of the Correspondent be modified and limited to a compilation of the approved decisions and important legislation of the various Grand Lodges.

Unanimously carried.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Thomas E. Fox (47) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be adopted.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved as an amendment:

That the report be taken up seriatim.

The motion as amended was carried.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master's Address appertaining to decisions, begs to report as follows:

That Decision No. 1 be approved, with the understanding that it apply to elective officers. (Adopted.)

That Decision No. 2 be approved. (Adopted.)

That Decision No. 3 be approved. (Not adopted.)

That Decision No. 4 be approved. (Adopted.)

That Decision No. 5 be not approved, for the reason that an injury received after initiation should not be held to operate against one who has been informed that he was a Mason. And for the further reason that under the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge no one can be stopped in his advancement except upon the conviction of a masonic offense committed after initiation, or discovery after initiation of delinquencies, which, if known before, would bar his admission. A worthy brother who receives such an injury is entitled to the sympathy of the brethren, and ought not to suffer masonically for a physical injury received after his initiation. (Adopted.)

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
JAMES McDONALD (11),
EDWIN H. JAMES (30),
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
Committee.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the report of the Jurisprudence Committee as a whole, and as amended, be adopted, with the understanding that the injury to the hand as set forth in Decision No. 3 shall relate only to the left hand.

Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Standing Committees:

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L, Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W Foley (5), Bismarck.

Finance—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; Herbert J. James (23), Bathgate.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—LEWIS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred the following amendment, begs leave to report that it recommends the adoption of the amendment to the By-Laws as presented by the Grand Secretary, with the addition of the word "nephew" to the original amendment:

"That it shall be lawful for a particular lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to receive and ballot upon a petition for degrees of the son or nephew of an affiliated Master Mason within the last six months of the son's or nephew's twenty-first year; provided, however, that such person shall not be initiated an Entered Apprentice until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one."

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
THOMAS E. FOX (47),
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
Committee.

ORATION.

The Grand Orator, M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11), Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State, then read the fol-

lowing oration, which was appreciatively received, and a vote of thanks extended for the same.

(The oration will be found as Appendix No. 2.)

APPROPRIATION TO ACACIA LODGE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That $10 be appropriated to Acacia Lodge No. 4, or to the Committee in charge of Grand Lodge entertainment, for the purpose of contributing toward the expense of *caetera desunt.*

Carried.

VOTE OF THANKS TO ACACIA LODGE.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Grant S. Hager (30) moved:

That a vote of thanks be tendered the members of Acacia Lodge for the royal entertainment which had been accorded the delegates to the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

EVENTS.

On Tuesday evening the degree of Master Mason was conferred upon Bro. John R. Selby, son of W.·. Bro. William A. Selby, deceased, Past Master of Acacia Lodge No. 4, and nephew of M.·. W.·. Bro. John F. Selby, Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, by the officers of Golden Valley Lodge, No. 26, of Park River. The officers of said Lodge who participated in the work were: William E. Hoover, W.·. M.·.; William Wiggins, S.·. W.·.; Robert Arnot, J.·. W.·.; W. T Fallis, S.·. D.·.; W. S. Webber, J.·. D.·.; C. D. Lord, La.; D. M. McIntosh, Lo.; Karl J. Farup, Lum.; George Honey, Gustav Brandt, Frank Lord, Ed. Code, Joel Myers, J. M. Schram, Fellow Crafts; J. Wineman, Grand Forks, Sailor.

Just as the tellers had finished counting the ballots for Bro. Grant S. Hager, Deputy Grand Master, an awful hail storm broke over the city, destroying all of the windows at the Grand East, and the wind scattered the Grand Secretary's papers and the ballots promiscuously over the lodge room. The brethren rushed to the dining room for tables and barricaded the windows of the lodge room with them, holding them in place through great efforts. The streets were filled for the time being with run-a-way horses, it being

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge A∴ F∴ & A∴ M∴ of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due the members of this Grand Lodge, reports as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $1,015.50, to be paid by him to the proper delegates, as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	G. C. Grafton.
2	Pembina	Pembina	84	4.20	4.00	8.20	J. D. Winlaw.
3	Casselton	Casselton	98	4.90	4.00	.....	.....
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	....	.....	4.00	4.00	Chas. Allen.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	273	13.65	4.00	17.65	Wm. O'Hara.
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	C. C. Schmidt.
7	Valley City	Valley City	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	S. P. Ellis.
8	Mandan	Mandan	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	Anson Bartlett.
9	Cereal	Tower City	120	6.00	4.00	10.00	G. Crawford.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	G. Howard.
11	Crescent	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	D. C. Moore.
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	134	6.70	4.00	.....	.....
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	218	10.90	4.00	14.90	D. W. Coleman.
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	148	7.40	4.00	11.40	D. F. Seigfried.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	124	6.20	4.00	10.20	S. Cohen.
16	North Star	Larimore	36	1.80	4.00	5.80	V. S. Wisner.
17	Minto	Minto	29	1.45	2.00	3.45	Geo. Wight.
18	Mackey	La Moure	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	D. Suemper.
19	Goose River	Portland	71	3.55	4.00	.....	.....
20	Hiram	Page	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	E. O. Carver.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	87	4.35	4.00	8.35	C. H. Baker.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	71	3.55	4.00	7.55	E. F. Koehler.
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	71	3.55	4.00	7.55	I. J. Foster.
24	Euclid	Lakota	66	3.30	4.00	.....	.....
25	Anchor	Milnor	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	C. A. Long.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	62	3.10	4.00	.....	.....
27	Occidental	Hope	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	A. E. Warner.
28	Forest River	Inkster	45	2.25	4.00	6.25	W. E. Muir.
29	Hope	Oakes	176	8.80	4.00	12.80	F. C. Root.
30	Temple	St. Thomas	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	B. L. Lewis.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	190	9.50	4.00	13.50	D. J. McKenzie.
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	387	19.35	4.00	23.35	A. P. Folsom.
33	Star in the West	Minot	207	10.35	4.00	14.35	J. W. Rode.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	H. McDowell.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	64	3.20	4.00	7.20	David Park.
36	St. Johns	Forest River	32	1.60	4.00	5.60	D. G. Junkins.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	139	6.95	4.00	10.95	A. W. Blake.
38	Crystal	Crystal	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	Jno. McIver.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	120	6.00	4.00	.....	.....
40	Cando	Cando	121	6.05	4.00	10.05	F. F. Vaughn.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	188	9.40	4.00	13.40	A. J. Kesler.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	21	1.05	4.00	.....	.....
43	Mouse River	Towner	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	Geo. H. Soule.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	182	9.10	4.00	13.10	Thos. Sims.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	184	9.20	4.00	.....	.....
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	137	6.85	4.00	.....	.....
47	Willow	Willow City	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	J. P. Hall.
48	Milton	Milton	86	4.30	4.00	8.30	J. W. Pomeroy.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	128	6.40	4.00	.....	.....
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	J. W. Harvey.
51	Mount Moriah	Williston	328	16.40	4.00	20.40	O. B. Hayes.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	54	2.70	4.00	6.70	O. C. Olson.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	179	8.95	4.00	.....	.....
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	108	5.40	4.00	.....	.....
55	Dacotah	Mayville	69	3.45	4.00	7.45	R. L. Kenney.
56	Aurora	Carrington	183	9.15	4.00	.....	.....
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J. D. Greene.
58	Khurum	Gilby	25	1.25	4.00	5.25	C. Harshman.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
59	Independence	Leal	156	7.80	4.00	.....	.....
60	Century	New Rockford	167	8.35	4.00	12.35	R. R. Woodworth.
61	Devotion	Harvey	245	12.25	4.00	16.25	H. Montgomery.
62	Hunter	Hunter	118	5.90	4.00	9.90	Robert A. Sayer.
63	Dickey	Dickey	182	9.10	4.00	13.10	W. V. Johns.
64	Ionic	Hannah	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	Matt McKnight.
65	Rugby	Rugby	146	7.30	4.00	11.30	F. L. Ely.
66	Rolla	Rolla	155	7.75	4.00	11.75	Wm. O. DePuy.
67	Leeds	Leeds	119	5.95	4.00	9.95	E. B. Page.
68	Prudence	Cogswell	188	9.40	4.00	13.40	E. T. Roberts.
69	Ashlar	Granville	186	9.30	4.00	13.30	R. L. Richardson.
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	257	12.85	4.00	16.85	W. H. Campbell.
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	A. H. Hanson.
72	Berthold	Berthold	230	11.50	4.00	15.50	F. C. Walther.
U. D.	Mohall	Mohall	232	11.60	4.00	15.60	H. H. Steele.
U. D.	Westhope	Westhope	223	11.15	4.00	14.00	W. H. Lackey.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

GRAND, PAST GRAND OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

NAME.	OFFICE.	LOCATION.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	Brother Receipting.
J. W. Foley.....	Grand Master.....	Bismarck	278	13.65	4.00	17.65	J. W. Foley.
L. A. Jacobson ..	Deputy Gr. Master...	Hope.....	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	L. A. Jacobson.
Grant S. Hager	Senior Gr. Warden,..	St. Thomas...	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	Grant Hager..
John Riessbeck.	Junior Gr. Warden...	Dickinson....	387	19.35	4.00	23.35	J. Riessbeck.
C. D. Lord.....	Grand Treasurer.....	Park River...	62	3.10	6.00	9.10	C. D. Lord.
F. J. Thompson..	Grand Secretary.....	Fargo	78	3.90	6.00	9.90	F.J. Thompson
L. G. Moultrie...	Grand Chaplain.....	Valley City...	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	L. G. Moultrie.
W. L. Stockwell.	Grand Orator	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	W.L.Stockwell
Sylvester J. Hill	Senior Grand Deacon	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	S. J. Hill.
HalfdanBendeke	Junior Grand Deacon	Grand Forks.	....	.....	4.00	4.00	H. Bendeke.
John J. Hull	Senior Gr. Steward..	Wahpeton ...	124	6 20	2.00	8.20	J. J. Hull.
J. M. Stewart. ..	Junior Gr. Steward..	Mayville.....	69	3.45	4.00	7.45	J. M. Stewart.
James L. Green..	Grand Marshal.....	Sheldon	120	6.00	4.00	10.00	J. L. Green.
Wm. E. Hoover..	Grand Sword Bearer.	Park River...	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	W. E. Hoover.
W. L. Williamson	Grand Pursuivant....	Lisbon.....	134	6.70	4.00	10.70	W. L. Williamson.
Wm. I. Irvine ...	Grand Lecturer.....	Lidgerwood...	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	W. I. Irvine.
Frank A. Cousins	Grand Tyler.....	Carrington ...	183	9.15	4.00	13.15	F. A. Cousins.
R. M. Carothers.	Frat. Correspondent.	Grand Forks.	....	.....	4.00	4.00	R.M.Carothers
M. Schlanser....	Asst. to Gr. Sec. .	Fargo	78	3.90	6.00	9.90	M. Schlanser.
John F. Selby..	Past Grand Master...	Hillsboro	40	2.00	4.00	.....	.....
James McDonald	Past Grand Master...	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	J. McDonald.
G. L. McGregor.	Past Grand Master...	Fargo.....	78	3.90	4.00	.....	.....
George H. Keyes	Past Grand Master...	Ellendale	218	10.90	4.00	14.90	G. H. Keyes.
John A. Percival.	Past Grand Master...	Minneapolis..	....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
Edwin H. James.	Past Grand Master...	St. Thomas...	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	E. H. James.
Thos. L. Foulks.	Past Grand Master...	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	T. L. Foulks.
J. T. Blacklock..	Past Grand Master...	Hamilton.....	64	3.20	4.00	7.20	J.T. Blacklock.
Wm. H. Gaunon.	Past Dep. Gr. Master.	Ellendale	218	10.90	4.00	.....	.....
Elliott C. Crain..	Past Dep. Gr. Master.	Grand Forks.	....	.....	4.00	.....	.....
J. S. Campbell...	Past Gr. Jr. Warden..	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	.....	.....
Chas. E. Jackson	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Pembina	84	4.20	4.00	.....	.....
W. A. Bentley...	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Bismarck	278	13.65	4.00	.....	.....
George A. Luce..	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Hope	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	G. A. Luce.
John J. Freeman	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Grand Forks.	....	.....	4.00	4.00	J. J. Freeman.
C. A. Harris.....	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	C. A. Harris.
Evarts C. Stevens	Past Gr. Treasurer...	Towner.....	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	E. C. Stevens.
Thomas E. Fox..	Past Gr. Sr. Warden.	Minot	363	18.15	2.00	20.15	T. E. Fox.
A. B. Taylor.....	Finance Committee..	Fargo	78	3.90	10.00	13 90	A. B. Taylor.
E. G. Guthrie....	Finance Committee..	Fargo	78	3.90	10.00	13.90	E. G. Guthrie.
Robert Morrison	Finance Committee..	Pembina.....	84	4.20	6.00	10.20	R. Morrison.
F. H. Sprague...	Finance Committee..	Grafton	39	1.95	6.00	.....	.....
C. A. Tuttle. ...	Finance Committee..	Fairmount ..	139	6.95	6.00	.....	.....
John McDonald.	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Inkster.....	45	2.25	4.00	6.25	J. McDonald.
Halley V. Hicks.	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Oakes	176	8.80	4.00	12.80	H. V. Hicks.
Thos. Harrison.	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Blanchard....	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	T. Harrison.
Charles K. Wing	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Crystal.....	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	C. K. Wing.
Geo. F Erskine..	Griev. and Appl. Com.	Hamilton.....	64	3.20	4.00	.....	.....

Fraternally submitted.

HARRY LORD (40),
WILLIAM O. DE PUY (66),
ROBERT L. KENNEY (55),
Committee.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.

ACACIA LODGE NO. 4.

John J. Conway, Mathias A. Shirley.

BISMARCK LODGE NO. 5.

Jerry A. Barnes, John W. Dudley,
Charles R. Williams.

HILLSBORO LODGE NO. 10.

William J. Fulton, Christopher F. Getchell,
Thomas L. Hong, Stephen P. Morton,
Samuel Peterson.

SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE NO. 12.

Arthur B. Adams, John T. Brown,
Mitchell H. Call, Thomas Durbin,
Thomas M. Elliott, Ole Engelson,
Richard Flavin, Edgar C. Lucas,
William F. Okey, Algernon C. Routzahn,
William A. Tucker, Charles Vosburg,
William H. White.

WAHPETON LODGE NO. 15.

Albert B. Allen, Walter A. Brown,
George P. Garred, Peter Johnson.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

William Clone, Alexander Karr.

EUCLID LODGE NO. 24.

John D. Carroll, Roscoe W. Kent,
Samuel F. Sterrett.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 27.

John J. Merry, Ephraim L. Seymour,
Earl H. Stevens.

GOLDEN FLEECE LODGE NO. 31.

Edward W. Bowen, Herman W. Coats,
Thomas Cusick, Homer B. Mills,
Frank L. Rhodes.

DICKINSON LODGE NO. 32.

Guy J. De France.

STAR IN THE WEST LODGE NO. 33.

John B. Archambault, Robert M. Gilkey,
Ferdinand A. Hawke, Horace G. Prairie.

HAMILTON LODGE NO. 35.

Carby F. Chase.

FAIRMOUNT LODGE NO. 37.

Charles T. Parkhill.

WILLOW LODGE NO. 47.

Thomas D. Brooks, Maitland House.

WELCOME LODGE NO. 54.

David Breem.

CENTURY LODGE NO. 60.

William Douks.

FRIENDSHIP, MORALITY AND BROTHERLY LOVE:

A TWENTIETH CENTURY INTERPRETATION.

ORATION

BY

M.·. W.·. BRO. WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11), P.·. G.·. M.·.

Every Mason who passes through the symbolism of the third degree is early impressed with the thought that Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love are the principal tenets of the order; yet, we suspect that many a candidate for masonic light fails to comprehend, in full significance, the meaning of these words. The suspicion is often present, as well, that the ceremonies are mere form, without meaning or substance, through which one must pass to become a member of an order pre-eminent among secret societies, and that one may enjoy the prestige or social status incident to such membership. Many a candidate fails to appreciate that membership in Ancient Free and Accepted Masonry carries with it obligations to society at large in these twentieth century days. If we are taught, especially, certain tenets and are enjoined repeatedly that their observance is a part of the everyday humdrum of life which we lead here on earth, it behooves us who are assembled in this Grand Body to lay hold, with new ardor, upon some of these principles which have meant and shall mean so much to the happiness and welfare of mankind.

Friendship! No stronger word has come into the English language from our Teuton ancestry than this. It has a ruggedness that savors of the days when social veneer and mere form were unknown; when men were drawn to one another solely by qualities of heart and mind. The thought of worldly attainment or riches has nothing to do with Friendship. We meet a man, and if there are in him qualities which we admire, we are unconsciously drawn to him; if he finds in us similar qualities, there is a response which results in ties, the strongest earth can know: this is Friendship. Come what may, fame or fortune, reverses or failures, the ties of true friendship are not broken unless some mean act forever severs them. Dryden says: "Want gives to know the flatterer from the friend." The Bible says: "A friend that sticketh closer than a brother." This indicates the same trend of thought. There must be something of substance upon which to build friendship, and when once the structure is reared, what a

splendid temple it is—a haven of rest when one has suffered the harsh criticism of cynic or the calumny of the evil tongued! To the friend we turn with assurance that he will understand and do full justice, not that the friend is blind to faults and shortcomings, but he will always see the larger good which obtains in most of God's creatures. History is full of concrete examples of noblest and truest friendship. Washington's great heart went out to the impetuous Hamilton, and, even in the hours when Hamilton tried, to the last degree, his patience, the ties of friendship were strong enough to prevail, and to this friendship we owe the splendid work of America's greatest constructive statesman. Time will not permit us to dwell upon other instances. The friendship which should prevail among Masons is that which seeks to find, in every brother, qualities which are amiable and admirable; the friendship which will whisper words of counsel in the ear of a brother; the friendship which holds out a hand to assist us over life's rough and rugged places; the friendship which gives without thought of return; the friendship which soothes the fevered brow and smoothes the path which leads down the vale and across the silent stream; this is the friendship which, as Masons, we should cultivate, even in the strenuous days of the present century.

When most of us were inducted into office, we pledged ourselves to be good men and true and strictly to obey the moral law. We bound ourselves to a code of morality about which we gave little thought. Morality is one of the tenets of our Order, and we, as Masons, are expected to exhibit it in our lives as men. Morality touches our conduct in every sphere of our activities, in our relation to the family, society at large, and the state. All society and government depends upon the home and family; consequently, our relations here are of vital importance. When we fail to appreciate, to the fullest extent, our moral obligations here, we strike a body blow at all organized society. No Mason is worthy of the name of Brother who forgets his obligations to the family. We want no return to Puritanism nor the Blue Laws, but we do need a renaissance of those virtues which tend to make life more wholesome and the home more sacred. There is no room for pessimism; still let us not forget the lesson of the first degree, when we are taught the principles of a correct and upright life.

Our moral relations to society have to do with our conduct in the professions and in business. We are apt to be carried with the current; to do those things which others do; to act so that ours will be the largest gain, no matter what may be the course by which that gain is accomplished. In the mad race for wealth and material things, we are apt to be just a little careless about the means by which these are obtained. In this land of abundance, in this land where natural resources are so great, there is no reason why all should not live comfortably and make for themselves and those dependent upon them a home, in all that the word implies. But when we see around us those who are piling up their thousands, aye millions, as a result of crushing their fellows and wringing from them the opportunity to do for themselves, we are prone to question the morals of

such. We pray for the advent of a day when all men shall have a square deal. Each man has a right to work, to save, to be secure in his earnings, to live decently, to enjoy some of the comforts which embellish life; and there is something wrong in any code of morals in this land, where, theoretically, "A man's a man for a' that!" when honest men must eke out a mere existence, and those who override and trample on the rights of others may lead lives of luxurious ease. We plead not for any socialistic and anarchistic doctrine, but rather for a return of sanity and a sound morality which teaches that, as men, as well as Masons, we meet upon the level. Let us hasten the day for the revival of that truly masonic doctrine which regards no man for external qualities of position or wealth, but rather for the internal qualities of heart and mind.

In all relations in the home, in society, in the state, there is a greater need to-day than ever before for Temperance, which means moderation. Moderation in the matter of eating, as well as drinking; moderation in our work, that more time may be given to recreation and play; moderation in our ambitions; in a word, there is a pressing need for a return, not necessarily to the "simple life," but to a simpler life than we are now leading.

If there is any principle which Masonry makes specific, it is that Masons should be good citizens; consequently, a code of morals which leaves out a Mason's relation to the state is not complete. We live in a government which depends, for its perpetuity, upon its citizenship. There is no reason to-day for alarm, but there is possibly occasion for reflection. Is it not possible that we Masons have forgotten that, to be good Masons, we must be good citizens, and, failing in our citizenship, we likewise fail to rise to full stature in Masonry? We have been concerned largely with the accumulation of material things; we haven't had time to fulfill our duties as citizens. We have alllowed these rights and privileges to be assumed by others who, for reasons of self interest, are concerned with government, and, as a result, the cry goes up all over this land of ours that this is not a government of the people, by the people and for the people, but rather a government of the corporations, by the corporations and for the corporations. There may be some truth in this cry, but it is likewise a confession of our own unworthiness, for we, as citizens, have it within our power to make the government what we will, and if we have forgotten our duties or neglected to perform them, ours is the fault, and we must accept the blame for conditions which we now realize as unfavorable to the largest liberty. Every Mason, therefore, must be concerned with his duties as a citizen, and that duty should be as sacred as any duty he owes to God, to his family, or to his neighbor; and if, as a citizen, as a lawmaker, as one concerned with the execution of the laws, or as a judge upon the bench, he fails to perform his full duty, he likewise fails to be a good Mason. There is no need for revolution with us; there is no good need for the cry of the alarmist or the agitator; there is no good need for fear with respect to the destiny of the nation; all that is needed is a larger interest, a more active conscience on the part of every citizen, and the men who are also Masons ought not to be behind their fellows.

The fatherhood of God has its complement in the Brotherhood of Man, and, if God is Love, then we, His children, ought to exemplify in our lives, Brotherly Love, and especially are we, as Masons, taught that Brotherly Love is an essential tenet of our Order. We sometimes, in a moment of thoughtlessness, esteem ourselves capable of meeting and solving, single handed, the problems of life; we feel sufficiently self-centered to "go it alone." Sometimes, however, when we think we are most capable of standing, we are apt to find ourselves on shifting sands or the still more treacherous quick-sands of life, and then we cry out for help. We realize how futile our own unsupported efforts are; we appreciate the solidarity, the interdependence of men; we welcome the hand stretched forth, prompted by the spirit of Brotherly Live. Brotherly Love finds expression in courtesy, sympathy and charity; courtesy to every one, high or low, rich or poor; sympathy for suffering, oppression, grief; charity for want, shortcomings, misdeeds and failure. How often to-day can we find opportunity for the actualization of our theory of Brotherly Love! In the complexities of modern life, in the crowding together of great masses of people in our cities, in the mad race upon which each individual has entered, there is little thought for the other fellow; little evidence of the finer qualities of civilization; little consideration, frequently, for the rights of others. Much of this is not the intent of the man, but rather the result of environment and conditions over which he has no control. Still, even granting such to be the case, there is abundant opportunity for us, as Masons, to do the kindly, courteous thing; speak the cheering word of sympathy; lend a hand to the less fortunate brother who may be broken or stranded on the shore of life's tempestuous sea. The world may not note, much less remember, but how much satisfaction will come to us, my brothers, as we survey our lives, in the thought that we have striven, and striven earnestly, to live in these twentieth century days a life full of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Then let us pray that come it may,
As come it will, for a' that,
That sense and worth o'er a' the earth
May bear the gree and a' that!
For a' that and a' that
It's coming yet, for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brothers be, for a' that.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1905, SHOWING LOCATION OF LODGES, ADDRESSES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, ETC.

Lodge.	Location.	County.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	Time of Stated Meetings.
1 Shiloh	Fargo	Cass	Gilbert C. Grafton	Frank J. Thompson	2nd Friday.
2 Pembina	Pembina	Pembina	Frank C. Warner	Eugene D. Booker	1st and 3rd Fridays.
3 Casselton	Casselton	Cass	Stephen B. Bartlett	Douglas S. Smith	2nd and 4th Fridays.
4 Acacia	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	Charles Allen	Ingvald A. Berg	2nd and 4th Fridays.
5 Bismarck	Bismarck	Burleigh	Wm. F. Cochrane	Burt Finney	1st and 3rd Mondays.
6 Jamestown	Jamestown	Stutsman	Arthur W. Dewey	Jas. E. Spurling	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
7 Valley City	Valley City	Barnes	David S. Ritchie	Henry F. Steinke	1st Friday.
8 Mandan	Mandan	Morton	Lewis Hill	Henry W. Grambs	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
9 Cereal	Tower City	Cass	Herbert W. Kiff	Sidney F. Sherman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
10 Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Traill	Jorgen Howard	Christian H. Baglien	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
11 Crescent	Grafton	Walsh	DeWitt C. Moore	Benj. A. Provoost	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
12 Sheyenne Vall'y	Lisbon	Ransom	Alfred M. Kvello	Forest S. Thomas	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
13 Ellendale	Ellendale	Dickey	Dennis W. Coleman	John M. Dillon	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
14 Sanborn	Sanborn	Barnes	Albert A. J. Lang	John E. Vernon	1st and 3rd Mondays.
15 Wahpeton	Wahpeton	Richland	Sidney Cohen	Walter L. Carter	2nd and 4th Fridays.
16 North Star	Larimore	Grand Forks	Victor S. Wisner	J. Dexter Peirce	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
17 Minto	Minto	Walsh	Geo. Wight	Samuel D. Thomson	1st and 3rd Fridays.
18 Mackey	La Moure	La Moure	Samuel Brand	Willard Proctor	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
19 Goose River	Portland	Traill	Paul M. Paulson	Orville D. Patterson	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
20 Hiram	Page	Cass	Chas. C. Williams	Wm. J. Courtney	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
21 Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	Ramsey	Chas. H. Baker	Albert H. Bell	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
22 Tongue River	Cavalier	Pembina	Edward F. Koehler	Lewis W. Musselman	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
23 Bathgate	Bathgate	Pembina	Robert M. Carson	John Thomson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
24 Euclid	Lakota	Nelson	R. Hudson Beek	Wm. C. Fairbanks	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
25 Anchor	Milnor	Sargent	Chas. A. Long	Henry K. Pennington	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
26 Golden Valley	Park River	Walsh	Wm. E. Hoover	E. Reeve Claxton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
27 Occidental	Hope	Steele	Albert E. Warner	Geo. A. Fead	2nd and 4th Fridays.
28 Forest River	Inkster	Grand Forks	Victor E. Bemis	Edwin Church	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
29 Hope	Oakes	Dickey	Hamilton P. Boardman	Halley V. Hicks	1st and 3rd Mondays.
30 Temple	St. Thomas	Pembina	Benj. L. Lewis	Daniel W. Baldwin	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
31 Golden Fleece	Forman	Sargent	Dugald J. McKenzie	Ray L. Himebaugh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
32 Dickinson	Dickinson	Stark	Edwin L. Scofield	Augustus P. Folsom	2nd and 4th Fridays.
33 Star in the West	Minot	Ward	Edward A. Crokat	Johan W. Rode	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
34 Lebanon	Langdon	Cavalier	Hugh McDowall	Robert Work	2nd and 4th Fridays.
35 Hamilton	Hamilton	Pembina	David J. Park	Alex W. Young	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
36 St. Johns	Forest River	Walsh	Robert B. Warren	Robert M Russell	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
37 Fairmount	Fairmount	Richland	Charles A. Tuttle	Elmer W. Wetherbee	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
38 Crystal	Crystal	Pembina	John McIver	John F. Appleton	1st and 3rd Fridays.
39 Mizpah	Sheldon	Ransom	James L. Green	Martin N. Hudnall	1st and 3rd Thursdays.

40	Cando	Cando	Towner	Forest F. Vaughn	Geo. B. Dennison	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	La Moure	Lincoln C. Salisbury	Chas. Gunthrop	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	Traill	James Halliday	Sever N. Thompson	2nd and 4th Mondays.
43	Mouse River	Towner	McHenry	Geo. H. Soule	Evarts C. Stevens	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	Bottineau	Thomas Sims	Fred C. Fulton	2nd and 4th Fridays.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	Griggs	Wm. Glass	Jack N. Brown	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	Benson	Abram Lent	Alfred Dresser	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
47	Willow	Willow City	Bottineau	John P. Holl	Emery Olmstad	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
48	Milton	Milton	Cavalier	Brynjolf Prom	John Northcott	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	Ransom	James C. Harper	Isaac Luker	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	Pembina	James W. Harvey	Robert B. Cunningham	1st and 3rd Fridays.
51	Mount Morian	Williston	Williams	Seneca Brownell	Erasmus M. Atterbury	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	Pembina	John R. Hogg	Thos. F. Newans	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	Richland	Wm. I. Irvine	Edwin L. McCutcheon	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
54	Welcome	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	Geo. C. Chambers	Joseph G. Nichol	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
55	Dacotah	Mayville	Traill	Michael J. Borden	Clyde R. Travis	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
56	Aurora	Carrington	Foster	Frank A. Cousins	Robert A. Bill	Tues. on or before full moon, each month.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	Richland	John D. Greene	Gilbert P. Armstrong	1st and 3rd Fridays.
58	Khurum	Gilby	Grand Forks	Chas. Harshman	Jens C. Rasmussen	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
59	Independence	Leal	Barnes	John W. Hilborn	Arthur E. Lundy	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
60	Century	New Rockford	Eddy	John E. Bennett	Paul J. Braman	1st and 3rd Mondays.
61	Devotion	Harvey	Wells	Fred O. Brewster	Maurice H. Aved	1st Wednesday.
62	Hunter	Hunter	Cass	Robert A. Sayer	Willis H. Rogers	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
63	Dickey	Dickey	La Moure	Henry D. Bloss	Wm. F. Hobart	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
64	Ionic	Hannah	Cavalier	Matthew McKnight	Thos. H. Prior	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
65	Rugby	Rugby	Pierce	Fred L. Ely	Chas. B. Hughes	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
66	Rolla	Rolla	Rolette	Wm. O. DePuy	Guido Widmeyer	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
67	Leeds	Leeds	Benson	Elisha B. Page	Andrew L. Johnson	2nd and 4th Mondays.
68	Prudence	Cogswell	Sargent	Howard L. Saylor	Harold E. Shearn	1st and 3rd Mondays.
69	Ashlar	Granville	McHenry	Richard L. Richardson	Anthony W. Raw	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	Ward	Wm. H. Campbell	Carl E. Nilson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	Barnes	Robert B. Cox	Wm. O. Joos	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
72	Berthold	Berthold	Ward	Frederick C. Walther	Walter E. Krick	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
U.D.	Mohall	Mohall	Ward	G. Herbert Steele	Geo. A. Gilmore	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
U.D.	Westhope	Westhope	Bottineau	Wm. H. Lackey	M. D. Dyar	2nd and 4th Thursdays.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES, APRIL 30, 1905.

Number.	Name.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled.	Increase.	Decrease.	Membership.	Dues and Fees Paid.
1	Shiloh	42	44	51	8	...	9	7	..	..	59	17	484	$504.75
2	Pembina	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	..	..	4	4	57	49.75
3	Casselton	7	7	10	...	1	1	8	..	..	11	9	114	113.75
4	Acacia	13	18	16	6	...	2	7	2	..	22	11	242	238.00
5	Bismarck	3	3	6	...	1	...	3	3	..	7	6	80	75.00
6	Jamestown	8	5	6	...	...	2	1	..	..	6	3	132	117.25
7	Valley City	11	8	14	3	...	...	1	..	..	17	1	125	130.00
8	Mandan	8	4	2	1	1	...	3	..	..	4	3	87	82.00
9	Cereal	6	7	8	1	1	...	9	..	..	10	9	53	60.75
10	Hillsboro	4	1	1	...	2	1	10	5	..	3	16	101	84.50
11	Crescent	2	3	3	2	1	1	3	..	..	6	4	94	78.25
12	Sheyenne Valley	2	3	4	4	1	1	6	13	..	9	20	78	66.75
13	Ellendale	1	1	4	1	...	3	2	..	..	5	5	84	66.00
14	Sanborn	3	4	4	...	...	...	4	..	..	4	4	47	47.25
15	Wahpeton	6	8	6	1	...	...	8	4	..	7	12	63	67.25
16	North Star	8	7	6	...	...	...	2	2	..	7	4	105	106.75
17	Minto	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	..	..	...	2	44	33.00
18	Mackey	2	2	1	2	...	1	1	..	..	3	2	41	35.75
19	Goose River	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	..	...	1	29	23.00
20	Hiram	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	68	60.50
21	Minnewaukan	23	10	5	6	...	...	1	..	..	11	1	144	167.50
22	Tongue River	2	2	2	3	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	59	49.25
23	Bathgate	3	2	3	...	...	1	4	..	..	3	5	84	71.00
24	Euclid	3	1	3	...	...	...	3	3	..	3	6	55	51.25
25	Anchor	1	2	4	1	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	33	29.75
26	Golden Valley	2	2	1	...	...	1	5	..	..	1	6	78	63.25
27	Occidental	8	11	8	1	...	1	1	3	..	9	5	114	110.25
28	Forest River	4	6	3	1	...	...	2	..	..	4	2	67	62.00
29	Hope	2	1	3	...	1	...	3	..	..	4	3	50	43.50
30	Temple	5	6	4	1	...	...	1	..	..	5	1	59	64.25
31	Golden Fleece	4	3	3	...	...	...	6	5	..	3	11	39	38.25
32	Dickinson	12	9	6	1	...	1	1	1	..	7	3	111	99.75
33	Star in the West	11	11	10	6	...	2	5	4	..	17	11	68	83.00
34	Lebanon	14	14	13	4	...	1	4	..	..	17	5	170	168.50
35	Hamilton	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	..	3	1	38	32.50
36	St. Johns	2	1	2	...	...	...	2	..	..	2	2	37	32.75
37	Fairmount	1	3	2	2	1	2	6	1	..	5	9	40	36.00
38	Crystal	2	2	3	...	...	...	3	..	..	3	3	33	31.75
39	Mizpah	3	3	3	...	...	...	1	..	..	3	1	53	48.00
40	Cando	6	7	6	...	...	1	5	..	..	6	6	76	75.50
41	Maple River	9	7	5	...	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	44	36.50
42	Reynolds	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	...	41	33.75
43	Mouse River	2	2	3	2	1	...	...	..	..	6	...	45	42.75
44	Tuscan	12	10	11	2	...	...	3	..	..	13	3	79	106.25
45	Northern Light	13	9	8	3	...	1	3	..	..	11	4	74	92.00
46	Evergreen	8	3	3	...	...	...	2	..	..	3	2	83	74.75
47	Willow	4	6	8	2	2	...	1	2	..	12	3	67	71.50
48	Milton	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	..	..	1	3	51	38.25
49	Liberty	14	8	9	1	...	1	1	..	..	10	2	67	79.75
50	Walhalla	2	2	...	...	...	1	1	..	..	...	2	59	48.25
51	Mt. Moriah	4	5	7	...	...	...	...	..	..	7	...	44	53.00
52	Fidelity	4	2	2	...	...	...	1	..	..	2	1	32	36.00
53	Harmony	7	8	8	5	...	1	1	..	..	13	2	64	71.00
54	Welcome	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	1	..	3	1	29	28.75
55	Dacotah	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	..	...	2	34	25.50
56	Aurora	8	7	7	1	...	...	3	..	..	8	3	65	74.75
57	Hankinson	3	4	9	...	...	...	1	..	..	9	1	52	55.00
58	Khurum	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	..	..	4	...	31	31.25
59	Independence	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	..	..	...	1	24	20.25
60	Century	13	9	5	3	...	1	3	1	..	8	5	62	84.00
61	Devotion	3	4	5	...	...	...	...	..	..	5	...	59	54.25
62	Hunter	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	23	17.25
63	Dickey	6	3	3	...	...	...	...	..	..	3	...	30	34.50
64	Ionic	8	8	12	1	...	...	...	..	..	13	1	68	79.00
65	Rugby	4	4	5	2	...	...	2	..	..	7	2	52	56.00
66	Rolla	16	13	14	1	...	...	1	..	..	15	1	69	59.75
67	Leeds	5	3	6	2	...	...	3	..	..	8	3	35	45.25
68	Prudence	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	27	24.25
69	Ashlar	4	7	10	2	...	...	1	..	..	12	1	53	67.75
70	Kenmare	10	12	14	...	...	...	...	..	..	14	...	41	76.75
71	Wimbledon	5	6	4	...	...	...	...	..	..	4	...	32	42.00
72	Berthold	10	8	7	3	...	...	...	..	..	10	...	30	47.50
73	Monall	8	6	4	2	...	...	...	..	..	6	...	26	18.00
74	Westhope	5	4	...	4	...	...	...	..	..	4	...	25	14.00
	Total	342	396	412	97	15	40	166	51	..	526	258	5153	$5188.75

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

YEAR	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR. WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist	Thomas J. Wilder*	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West** §	John Davidson*	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder*	C. T. McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden	C. T. McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§ **	Edward G. Benke	C. T. McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§ **	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Chas. E. Jackson§ (2)	David S. Dodds* (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman* (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel§ (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)§	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)§	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1904	James W. Foley (5)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1905	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

* Deceased. § Left the jurisdiction. ** With North Dakota.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria, Columbia.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington, M. T.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, M. T.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, M. T.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg, M. T.
Maryland	William M. Isaac	Baltimore, M. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, M. T.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Prince William St.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo, M. T.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, M. T., rm. 16
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence, M. T.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	George W. Atkinson	Charleston.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee, M. T.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Argentine Republic		
Belgium	Eug. Brand	Brussels.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Costa Rica	Juan F. Echeverria	San Jose.
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana, Apartado 72.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	M. P. Barbogly	Athens, Rue Hippocrate
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Mexico	Felix M. Inglesias	City of Mexico.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Dundedin.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Norway	Theodor Hansen	Christiania.
Peru	J. Benjamin Choza	Lima.
Porto Rico	Albert E. Martinez	San Juan.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane, 231 Elizabeth St.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Sweden	Sven H. B. Svensson	Stockholm.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A	Hobart, M. T.
United G. L. Victoria	John Braim	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway.
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
*California		
Canada	John S. Dewar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. De Long	Grand Junction.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana.
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	Edwin St. Clair Thompson	Washington, No. 150, A St., N. W.
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece		
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St
Indiana	Luciene A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Rd.
Kansas	Henry C. Loomis	Winfield.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans.
Maine	Elbridge G. Heath	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	A. B. Chase	Covert.
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point.
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark.
New Mexico		
New York	Donald Gow	New York, 162 W. 21st St.
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Carman S. Marshall	Bridgewater.
New Zealand	Thomas Ross	

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
New South Wales.....	Dougald Dobie.....	Panawaha.
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee.....	El Reno.
Ohio	P. H. Boynton.....	Elyria.
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland....	Portland.
*Pennsylvania	....	
Prince Edward Island..	Ambrose L. Brown....	Charlottetown.
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson....	Lima.
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrloch.....	Hull.
Rhode Island.....	C. Henry Alexander...	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
South Carolina.....	Richard F. Divver.....	Anderson.
South Dakota.....	Albert S. Reed.....	Aberdeen.
South Australia.....	Matthew V. Adams....	Adelaide.
Scotland	J. MacNaught Campbell	Glasgow, 6 Franklin Ter.
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor.....	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell.....	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood.	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell.....	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford.....	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	Frederick J. West.....	Menzies.
West Virginia.....	Michael Emsheimer....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett.....	Eau Claire.
*Wyoming	....	

*Does not exchange representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Minot.
Arkansas	William McKean	Sanborn.
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson.
Belgium	Thomas Sims	Bottineau.
*California		
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Grand Forks.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	Dennis W. Coleman	Ellendale.
Egypt	Robert L. Kenney	Mayville.
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	Elisha B. Page	Leeds.
*Massachusetts		
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo.
Minnesota	William H. Campbell	Kenmare.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Jamestown.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania	.....	
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate.
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke	Grand Forks.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	William J. Milligan	Hope.
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	Eben Q. Carver	Page.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
*Wyoming	.....	

*Does not exchange representatives.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP DATA—GRAND LODGES DAKOTA TERRITORY AND NORTH DAKOTA.

Place of Meeting.	Date.	No. of Lodges.	Membership.
Dakota Territory:			
Elk Point	June 22-23, 1875	5	.....
Yankton	June 13-14, 1876	6	239
Yankton	June 12-13, 1877	6	254
Sioux Falls	June 11-12, 1878	7	281
Yankton	June 10-11, 1879	11	404
Yankton	June 8-9, 1880	16	541
Sioux Falls	June 14-15, 1881	23	723
Watertown	June 13-14, 1882	32	1157
Rapid City	June 12-13, 1883	50	1533
Aberdeen	June 10-11, 1884	61	2026
Fargo	June 9-10, 1885	79	2644
Bismarck	June 8-9, 1886	89	3154
Huron	June 14-15, 1887	94	3594
Deadwood	June 12-13, 1888	102	4088
Mitchell	June 11-12, 1889	107	4595
North Dakota:			
*Mitchell, S. D.	June 12-13, 1889	31	1322
Grand Forks	June 17-18, 1890	33	1464
Fargo	June 16-17, 1891	34	1594
Grand Forks	June 28-29, 1892	35	1732
Devils Lake	June 13-14, 1893	41	1972
Valley City	June 12-13, 1894	44	2172
Fargo	June 18-19, 1895	44	2312
Fargo	June 9-10, 1896	46	2535
Fargo	June 8-9, 1897	48	2702
Fargo	June 21-22, 1898	50	2871
Fargo	June 20-21, 1899	55	3169
Fargo	June 19-20, 1900	62	3492
Fargo	June 18-19, 1901	65	3742
Fargo	June 24-25, 1902	66	3998
Fargo	June 23-24, 1903	67	4397
Fargo	June 28-29, 1904	72	4847
Grand Forks	June 27-28, 1905	74	5153

*Prior to meeting of Grand Lodge, the Territory had been divided into two states, North and South Dakota. At the meeting of the territorial Grand Lodge, 1889, the lodges of the North withdrew and formed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the two Grand Lodges being in session at the same time in adjoining rooms.

In Memory

of the

Forty-One Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1905.

Lodge.	Name.	Date.
Shiloh No. 1	Thomas Swift	Aug. 18, 1904
Shiloh No. 1	Albion A. Andrews	June 12, 1904
Shiloh No. 1	Fred. L. Belknap	June 12, 1903
Shiloh No. 1	Martin G. Cushing	July 29, 1904
Shiloh No. 1	Edward B. Hance	Sept. 6, 1904
Shiloh No. 1	Elvin C. Kinnear	Dec. 9, 1904
Shiloh No. 1	William G. Knowles	Feb. 27, 1905
Shiloh No. 1	James D. Moulder	Feb. 8, 1905
Shiloh No. 1	Leonard A. Rose	Dec. 8, 1904
Pembina No. 2	John M. Chisholm	Nov. 12, 1904
Pembina No. 2	Stephen Kohles	Sept. 13, 1904
Casselton No. 3	Martin L. Shanks	May 5, 1904
Acacia No. 4	John M. Cochrane	July 20, 1904
Acacia No. 4	Robert C. Foster	April 11, 1905
Jamestown No. 6	Alfred C. Buck	April 7, 1905
Jamestown No. 6	Edwin S. Rose	Oct. 5, 1904
Hillsboro No. 10	James Sweetland	Jan. 10, 1905
Crescent No. 11	David W. Driscoll	Feb. 4, 1905
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Warren D. Palmatier	May 3, 1904
Ellendale No. 13	William H. Fleming	Dec. 12, 1904
Ellendale No. 13	Alex D. Flemington	Feb. 5, 1905
Ellendale No. 13	Simon P. Pratt	Mar. 19, 1905
Minto No. 17	George A. Dean	Mar. 31, 1905
Mackey No. 18	Martin Hillman	June 29, 1904
Goose River No. 19	John Beaton	——, 1904
Bathgate No. 23	Vleit Quackenbush	June 20, 1904
Golden Valley No. 26	James A. Strachan	Sept. 16, 1904
Occidental No. 27	Eli S. Poorman	June 2, 1904
Dickinson No. 32	Stephen Z. Milledge	——, 1904
Star in the West No. 33	John F. Cooper	Mar. 1, 1905
Star in the West No. 33	John T. Lynes	Nov. 2, 1902
Lebanon No. 34	Henry A. Arneson	June 18, 1904
Fairmount No. 37	Jacob F. Schouweiler	Sept. —, 1895
Fairmount No. 37	Warren Spaulding	Nov. 15, 1904
Cando No. 40	John W. McVey	Feb. 26, 1905
Northern Light No. 45	Robert F. MacLachlan	Mar. 4, 1905
Liberty No. 49	Alex. W. Stewart	June 13, 1904
Walhalla No. 50	Malcolm M. Fraser	Mar. 17, 1905
Harmony No. 53	John W. Haring	Aug. 15, 1905
Hankinson No. 57	A. C. Pecinovsky (E. A.)	Aug. 19, 1904
Century No. 60	William C. Hayes	Jan. 16, 1905

Note.—When out of year, not reported before.

IN MEMORIAM
To Those
of
Our Sister
Grand Jurisdictions
Who have Gone Before.
1905.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.

BY M.·. W.·. BRO. ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4), P.·. G.·. M.·., GRAND FORKS, N D.

To the Grand Lodge of North Dakota: A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.

It will be remembered that one year ago your Correspondent, because of illness, presented no review of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges.

By a resolution of this Grand Lodge, and as a matter of necessity, as well, the opinions of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence as expressed in such review are of no binding force whatever, and go only as personal opinions and for what they are worth as such.

In theory, the matter of presenting a review of the Grand Lodges is a good one, but in practice the tendency is strongly in the direction of personal discussion between Correspondents, oftentimes neither beneficial nor edifying to the several Grand Lodges who have to foot the printers' bills.

Your own Correspondent, following his personal inclination, has heretofore given more attention to approved decisions and resolutions than to any other part of the several proceedings. It appears to me, and I verily believe, that these are the most important things which engage the attention of the Grand Lodges. The body of Masonry is its jurisprudence, and it is by unwise and unsafe legislation, if at all, that "changes in the body of Masonry" are likely to occur. Then, too, Correspondents are supposed to report *things done* by the Grand Lodges, and what more properly falls under that head than the matters of jurisprudence?

I greatly doubt if the good done by reviews, as such, is commensurate with the cost, both to the Correspondent and to the Grand Lodge.

My own experience as Grand Master, as well as that of those who have preceded and followed me in that office, was one of an embarrassing lack of precedent to aid in the proper decision of questions presented by Masters of lodges, both as to matters of law and practice. Most of us do not have access to large masonic libraries, and few of us feel like asking the Grand Secretary to make the researches for us.

It has occurred to me that a change in the method of treating the subject committed to your Correspondent would operate to the advantage, alike of the Grand Lodge and the particular lodges. There is, therefore, herewith presented a digest of the approved decisions, the legislative enactments, if you please, and, at the same time, the judicial determinations of

the several Grand Lodges,—the legislative and judicial departments being very closely interwoven in the system of Masonry.

In the trial of the present experiment it has been thought best to present the decisions without comment, though be it understood that they are not all concurred in. Neither have all decisions been reported, for to do so would be to repeat identical decisions from several Grand Lodges.

It will be noticed that there is a masonic, as well as a civil conflict oi laws, and decisions diametrically opposed cannot both be sound in principle.

If the experiment meets the approval of our own Grand Lodge, all that is desired will have been accomplished, and the work can be carried to greater length, as may be directed in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

R. M. CAROTHERS.
Foreign Correspondent.

COMPILED DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

[NOTE.—The following decisions and resolutions are for general information, not the law of this Grand Lodge, and Masters and others should not be governed by them in absence of similar law in this grand jurisdiction.—Grand Secretary.]

ADVANCEMENT—

A brother having taken his first degree in Masonry cannot be prohibited permanently from having the remaining degrees conferred, unless there be charges preferred and sustained.—Indiana, 1903.

AFFILIATION—See Ballot.

AGE—

1. A person can petition for membership twenty-eight days previous to his twenty-first birthday.—Indiana, 1903.

2. A Lodge cannot receive a petition for degrees before the candidate is twenty-one years of age.—Texas, 1903; Washington, 1903; Pennsylvania, 1904.

3. A petitioner must be at least twenty-one years of age when initiated, but his petition may be signed and balloted upon before reaching his majority.—South Dakota, 1903.

4. A candidate for initiation must be twenty-one years of age when he signs his petition, not when he is balloted upon. The only exception is in the case of a "Lewis," and then it requires a dispensation from the Grand Master—Virginia, 1903.

ASSESSMENTS—

No assessments upon the members of a lodge can be made, not provided by the by-law.—Indiana, 1904.

ATHEIST—

An atheist has no place in Masonry, and one who admits himself an atheist, should not be permitted to testify in a masonic trial. —South Dakota, 1903.

BALLOT—

1. When a ballot is spread upon a petition for initiation it should first be presented to the Master. Should he find it "not clear," it is entirely within his prerogative to send it to the South and to the West for announcement, or to immediately order a second ballot. When taking the second ballot, no one must leave the lodge room, and no discussion is in order.—Virginia, 1903.

2. In the absence of some specific objection that could be shown only by the production of the original application, it is permissible to ballot on the petition of an applicant in case such petition is absent from the lodge.—South Carolina, 1903.

3. Ballot must be spread separately for each candidate, the Worshipful Master declaring the result in each and every case.—South Carolina, 1903.

4. A lodge can receive a petition for affiliation from a former member, and ballot upon the same, and it is not necessary that the brother should visit subsequent to its reception or ballot.—Colorado, 1903.

BALLOT BOX—

No specified number of black balls, in proportion to white balls, need be in the ballot box; it is presumed that there is a fair proportion of both.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

BALLOTING—See Ballot, 3.

Where there are several petitions for initiation, or for advancement, each petition must be separately balloted on.—Mississippi, 1904.

BASTARDS—

The fact that the applicant was born out of lawful wedlock, but is of good repute, and possessed of all other qualifications prescribed by Masonry, is not a disqualification to his becoming a member of the order in this jurisdiction.—Montana, 1904; Contra, Mississippi, 1905.

informs the Secretary that he will not receive the dimit he is, nevertheless, a non-affiliate. The dimit itself is merely the evidence of the fact of dimission.—West Virginia, 1904.

2. The length of time a Mason has been holding his dimit is no bar to his being received by a lodge as a member. He can petition when he pleases, without regard to the date of his dimit.—Virginia, 1903.

3. There is no time limit to a dimit. A dimit is only evidence that the holder was a Master Mason and was in good standing when the dimit was granted.—Wisconsin, 1903.

4. A dimit is simply evidence of withdrawal, and, the original being lost, the secretary is authorized to issue a duplicate without reference to the lodge.—Texas, 1903.

5. An appointive officer cannot dimit during his term of office.—Texas, 1903.

6. A lodge cannot grant a dimit to a Worshipful Master to take effect after his successor is installed.—Tennessee, 1904.

DISCIPLINE—

A lodge has no right to suspend a brother who has become mentally incompetent.—California, 1904.

EASTERN STAR—

A lodge room cannot be sublet to a lodge of the Eastern Star.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

ELECTIONS—

1. In the election of officers it is optional with the Worshipful Master as to whether nominations shall be heard or not.—Texas, 1903.

2. The Grand Master has no authority to set aside an election of a Worshipful Master held as prescribed by law, even though unmasonic methods and misrepresentations were made use of. The only remedy is through charges for unmasonic conduct, regularly preferred.—Indiana, 1904.

EVIDENCE—See Trials.

FEES—

The fee is not the property of the lodge until the applicant has been accepted and should not be deposited with the treasurer until then.—New Hampshire, 1903.

FLAG, U. S.—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to purchase a United States flag of a proper size to be carried on all occasions when the Grand Lodge shall appear as such.—Nebraska, 1903.

FUNDS OF LODGE—

1. Moneys belonging to the lodge should be kept by the treasurer separate and apart from other funds, and if the lodge designates a particular bank in which the funds of the lodge shall be deposited, the lodge, and not the treasurer, or his bondmen, is responsible for the safety of such funds while in the bank so designated.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

2. The Grand Lodge holds no restriction over lodge funds except that they shall not be used for other than masonic purposes.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

3. The lodge may expend funds for music at a public installation. —Maine, 1903.

4. It is "inconsistent" for a masonic lodge to "appropriate its funds" for the payment of a debt already incurred and now owing by an organization having absolutely no claims as such on our Order.—Texas, 1903.

FUNERALS—See Burial Ceremonies; Suicide.

1. Master Masons can participate only in the funeral ceremonies of a deceased Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death. —Arizona, 1903.

2. No masonic service may be held over the closed grave of a brother.—South Carolina, 1903.

3. A lodge is prohibited from burying a deceased brother with masonic ceremonies, or joining in the funeral procession thereof as a lodge, or in a body, unless it has entire control thereof. The pall bearers being prominent participants in the ceremonies must be Masons.—Wisconsin, 1903.

4. It is not necessary that all pall bearers should be Masons where funeral services are being conducted by a masonic lodge. It is proper to comply with the request of the widow that some of the pall bearers should be friends of the family who are not Masons.—Wyoming, 1903.

GRAND LODGE—

Any Master Mason in good standing, who is not holding office in the Grand Lodge, may act as proxy for any lodge electing him to that position.—Maine, 1903.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE—

1. If a committee on a petition for membership fails to report in the prescribed time, the lodge has the right to discharge said committee and appoint a new one, which committee may report at once on the character of the petitioner.—Indiana, 1903.

2. The report of a majority of the committee is sufficient, although the lodge may insist on a report of the entire committee.—Montana, 1904.

JURISDICTION—

1. Lodges cannot enter into agreement between themselves as to concurrent jurisdiction, nor can one waive certain territory in favor of another. A waiver between lodges is only good in individual cases. —Nebraska, 1903.

2. A lodge has no right to accept a petition for degrees from one who has not resided within its territorial jurisdiction for twelve months preceding the date of the application. If a petition is accepted before that time and ballot is taken the whole proceeding is illegal and void, and if the candidate is rejected he can apply to any lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides.—Michigan, 1904.

3. To determine as to whose jurisdiction an applicant for Masonry is in, should a controversy arise between lodges, measurements should be made from the lodge rooms, not from corporate limits.—Indiana, 1905.

JURISDICTION, WAIVER OF—See Jurisdiction, 1.

Upon petition to a second lodge in the same grand jurisdiction, a unanimous vote is necessary to a waiver of jurisdiction by a lodge by which the petitioner was formerly rejected.—Montana, 1903.

LAW OF THE LAND—See Offenses, 2.

1. A Mason who defies the laws of the country is guilty of a masonic offense, and should be tried. Such a one should not be elected an officer or installed.—Mississippi, 1905.

2. Nothing can palliate or condone a wilful violation of the civil and moral law by a Master Mason, and he who so far forgets his duty as to take part in acts that constitute such violation, merits no milder punishment than to be forever placed outside the pale of Masonry, which is disgraced by his membership.—Louisiana, 1905.

LETTER G—

1. The letter "G" forms no part of our ceremony, is not proper lodge decoration, and must not appear on lodge notices.—Edict E. A. Tunis, G. M. Pennsylvania, 1903.

2. With that [the above] decision I have long differed, and at this time I take the occasion to restore it [the letter G] to its proper place as a masonic symbol, signifying God, or Geometry. * * *

In connection with the Compasses and the Square, emblematical of the Great Lights in Freemasonry, it has been the most common symbol of Freemasonry known. It is recognized by all of our sister jurisdictions in this country, and was always embroidered on the apron of the Grand Master until after the decision affecting it was made.—Jas. W. Brown, G. M. Pennsylvania, 1904.

LEWIS—See Age, 4.

LODGE—See Quorum.

The Worshipful Master and Senior and Junior Wardens, no other Masons being present, may open a lodge and act upon petitions for degrees.—Wisconsin, 1903.

LODGE ROOM—See Eastern Star.

MEETINGS—See Sunday.

1. If a special session is called for the funeral of a brother, and it is held on the afternoon of a stated meeting, the special must close and not merge into the stated meeting.—Ohio, 1903.

2. A lodge can have a special meeting in the afternoon and confer degrees upon candidates, can call off at six o'clock for refreshment and call on again at seven o'clock; this is only one meeting; but should the Worshipful Master close the lodge at six o'clock, the meeting at seven o'clock would be another meeting, and would not be lawful unless the members received notice of the additional special meeting.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

MEMBERSHIP—See Degrees, 2; Dimit. 1.

NAME, ASSUMED—

A petitioner to Freemasonry who has an assumed name can only be known by his proper name. He has no other name under the law. —Pennsylvania, 1904.

NON-AFFILIATES—See Dimit, 1; Visitation.

Non-affiliates are not, as a matter of right, entitled to masonic burial, but a deceased brother who held a dimit at the time of his death, and was not a wilful non-affiliate, may be accorded this honor, should the lodge so elect.—Oklahoma, 1905.

N. P. D.—See Restoration, 1.

This is not a masonic offense, and would not require a ballot for reinstatement. The moment the brother paid the amount owing at the time of his suspension, he became by that act a member in good standing.—Quebec, 1904.

OBJECTION—

1. An objection to a petition for degrees is not effective prior to the ballot being taken.—Indiana, 1904.

2. The objection must be expressed in open lodge by the objector; it may be presented orally or in writing, but must be presented by the objector; no one can act in his stead.—Kansas, 1904.

3. Objection made privately to the Worshipful Master, or by letter addressed to him, is not sufficient to prevent the initiation of an approved petitioner, unless the Master is willing to make the objection his own, makes it in open lodge, and causes it to be entered upon the minutes.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

OBLIGATION—See Candidates.

OFFENSES—See Law of the Land; N. P. D.

1. It is a masonic offense for an Entered Apprentice to attempt to obtain assistance by attempting to pass as a Master Mason.—Texas, 1903.

2. One who knowingly passes counterfeit money, whether in so doing he defrauds a Master Mason or not, is guilty of a masonic offense. Any violation of the law of morality or the law of the land is a violation of the law of Masonry.

Upon the same principles, a Mason who has illicit carnal intercourse with a woman, although she is not the relative of a Master Mason, and although she is a woman of unchaste character, is guilty of a masonic offense. Masonry is a shield of womanhood, and a Mason has no right to degrade a woman, or to aid in perpetuating her degradation.—Georgia, 1904.

OFFICERS—See Dimit, 6; Elections.

1. One may act as Chaplain by appointment in any lodge, and the records should so show, but in order to be regularly installed he must hold membership in the lodge.—Maine, 1903.

2. The Master is alone responsible for the acts and conduct of the lodge which he directs, and it is the duty of the Secretary to obey his instructions, and shall he be ordered to attend a masonic funeral and spread the minutes of the same upon the records he should do so. —Oklahoma, 1905.

PALL BEARERS—See Funerals, 3-4.

PAST MASTERS—See Degrees, Honorary.

PETITIONS—See Age.

An application in regular form can be withdrawn from the hands of the Secretary before it has been read in lodge and referred to a committee.—New Hampshire, 1903.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS—

Arm. 1. An applicant whose left arm is three inches shorter than the right, four inches less in circumference, and whose left hand cannot be turned palm upward on a level with the waist, is unable to comply with the ritual and must be rejected.—West Virginia, 1903.

Eyes. 2. A profane with only one eye has the right to petition for the degrees, and if elected, receive the same.—Arizona, 1904; Virginia, 1905; contra, Wisconsin, 1905.

3. A petitioner, after being approved and before receiving his first degree, losing the sight in one eye, is disqualified and cannot be initiated.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

Feet. 4. A man having a club foot is not eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry.—Colorado, 1903.

5. Loss of right foot disqualifies.—Washington, 1903.

General. 6. The mere fact that a man is a dwarf is no bar to his petitioning for initiation, if he can conform to the ritual.—Virginia, 1903.

7. No degree shall be conferred upon anyone who is physically unable to conform to the letter and spirit of the ceremonies of the fraternity; who is unable to read and write; who is afflicted with an incurable disease; or who has no visible or legitimate means of support for himself or family.—New Mexico, By-Laws, Art. ix, Sec. 4.

Hands. 8. A man who has lost his thumb and first finger of the left hand, other things being favorable, is a suitable candidate for the degrees of Masonry.—Nebraska, 1903.

9. One having a thumb and forefinger only, on his left hand, is not disqualified from being made a Mason.—Indiana, 1903.

10. A petition for degrees cannot be received from a man who has lost the thumb of his left hand, nor from one who has lost the two little fingers of his right hand.—Washington, 1903.

Hearing. 11. One whose hearing is so defective as to require a view of the person with whom he converses to be able to understand, is physically ineligible for the Entered Apprentice degree.—Texas, 1903.

QUORUM—See Lodge.

Seven members of the particular lodge are necessary for a quorum. —New Jersey, 1904.

REJECTED CANDIDATE—See Jurisdiction, 2.

RESIDENCE—See Jurisdiction, 2.

One engaged in travelling pursuits ought to proclaim, in good faith, some point to be his domicile and exercise the right of franchise at that domicile. This would clearly fix all questions of lodge jurisdiction. —Kansas, 1904.

RESTORATION—See N. P. D.

1. A lodge cannot restore to good masonic standing, after his death, a brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues. No one but a suspended member can make application to be restored.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

2. An expelled Mason can only be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry by action of the Grand Lodge. When so restored, his standing is that of an unaffiliated Mason.

The Grand Master has no authority to restore an expelled Mason during recess of the Grand Lodge.—Utah, 1904.

SUICIDE—

When a brother suicides, it is the duty of the Worshipful Master to make investigation, and if he finds the act was dictated by an unsound mind, he should bury; if not, he should not. Such cases must be left to the sound discretion of the Worshipful Master.—Texas, 1903.

SUNDAY, MEETINGS ON—

Under the General Rules and Regulations (Sec. 73) no lodge can be convened on Sunday for any business or celebration other than funeral purposes.—Indiana, 1904.

SUSPENDED MASONS—

A suspended Mason does not have the right to sit in lodge and take part in the business of the lodge pending his appeal to the Grand Lodge.—Alabama, 1903.

THIRD DEGREE, EXAMINATION IN—

There is no rule requiring such examination, but the proper kind of a candidate will inform himself for his own benefit and instruction.—South Carolina, 1903.

TRIALS—See Atheist; Charges.

Everyone accused is entitled to a full, fair and legal masonic trial, and nothing but competent evidence can be used against him, but guilt is frequently established by circumstances. These circumstances must establish his guilt to a moral certainty, to the exclusion of any other reasonable presumption, so as to satisfy the lodge of his guilt.—Mississippi, 1905.

TRUST FUNDS—

It is in accordance with Ancient Craft Masonry for a lodge to receive a sum of money to be held in trust, the income to be used for all time to keep a brother Master Mason's grave in repair.—New Hampshire, 1903.

VACANCY IN OFFICE—

1. If the Senior Warden or Junior Warden removes from the grand jurisdiction there is a vacancy. There is no succession in the office of Warden.

If the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden die or remove from the grand jurisdiction, the station of the Senior Warden is vacant. The Junior Warden becomes Acting Master.—Missouri, 1903.

2. When the Worshipful Master-elect and Senior Warden-elect fail to present themselves for installation, the Junior Warden, being installed, succeeds to the office of Worshipful Master.

Should the Master and both Wardens decline to serve, the vacancies are to be filled according to the Grand Lodge by-laws.—Indiana, 1904.

VISITATION—

1. A brother who petitions for membership by affiliation and is rejected is not a voluntary non-affiliated Mason, and has a right to visit the lodge as often as he desires, unless objection is made by some member of the lodge he desires to visit. To maintain his right to visit, however, he must petition some lodge for membership at least once during each year.—Montana, 1904; Michigan, 1905.

2. Objection by any member of the lodge present will exclude a visiting brother. The Worshipful Master cannot require a reason for nor overrule the objection.—Indiana, 1904.

3. An Entered Apprentice has a right to visit the lodge in which he was initiated when working on the first degree, but he has no such right as to other lodges.—South Carolina, 1903.

4. It is part of the common law of Masonry that our Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts in good standing may visit lodges of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts.—Michigan, 1904.

VOTING—See Ballot Box.

1. It is not necessary for each member personally to request the Worshipful Master to excuse him from voting; unless the Worshipful Master directs all members to vote, it is assumed that he excuses those who have not voted.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

2. A full vote is not necessary on business matters outside of petitions. It is imperative only in balloting on a petition, and on a masonic trial.—Washington, 1903.

VOUCHING—

There can be no vouching in writing; the party vouching, the one vouched for, and the one or ones vouched to must all be personally present together.—Oregon, 1903.

WORK—

It is within the power of the Worshipful Master to call to the chair any brother whom he deems competent to perform the work of that station.—Pennsylvania, 1903.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota, was opened at High Twelve in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, on Tuesday, and continuing in said city during Wednesday, being the 26th and 27th days of June, A. D. 1906, A.·. L.·. 5906.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ELECTED.

Louis A. Jacobson (27).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Hope
Grant S. Hager (30)....R.·. W.·. Dep. Grand Master, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32)..R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Dickinson
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Fargo
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

APPOINTED.

Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Walter L. Stockwell (11) .....W.·.Grand Orator, Grafton
Halfdan Bendeke (4)....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Wahpeton
Joseph M. Stewart (55)....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Mayville
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Sheldon
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Park River
Walter L. Williamson (12)....W.·.Grand Sword Bearer, Lisbon
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Carrington
Edward A. Crokat (23).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Minot
Robert M. Carothers (4)..Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Forks
Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: R.·. W.·. Bro. George A. Luce (27), W.·. Bro. Robert Kenny (55), W.·. Bro. William E. Hoover (26).

The hour being 12:35 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 p.m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:00 p. m.

REPORT—COMMITTET ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee Credentials submitted the following report, whch, on motion of M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted.

(For report see Appendix immediately following closing.)

INVITATION.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Grant S Hager (30) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

R.·. W.·. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference of Reports of Grand Officers be appointed, to whom shall be referred the several reports without further action.

Carried.

COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced as such committee on Division and Reference: W.·. George Duis (4), W.·. Frank J. King (30), W.·. William H. Thomas (67), W.·. Anson Bartlett (8), W.·. David B. Shaw (9).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother Louis A. Jacobson (27), then read his annual address.

Brethren:—

Your Grand Master greets you with hearty, fraternal welcome to this the Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota. May brotherly love so permeate our hearts that neither discord nor dissension can spring up among us to mar our

pleasures, or dull the anticipation of again meeting one another with kindly glances and warm, fraternal hand-grasps. In this new birth of summer time, when all nature smiles so beautifully upon man and his efforts, we should turn our thoughts and hearts with a thankful spirit toward the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. His guidance and direction we should reverently invoke that all acts may be to His honor, and to the advancement of the true principles of Freemasonry, which are founded upon the immutable laws of truth and justice.

The past year has been one of activity and steady progress among the Craft, and, so far as I am aware, peace and harmony prevail throughout this grand jurisdiction. Let us all strive to so guard our every word and action (not forgetting to lubricate our natures by a generous allotment of the oil of brotherly love) that the same conditions may always exist among us.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

We can scarcely expect that all our Past Grand Officers shall always be spared to us, but know that in due time they will be taken away. Yet it is with a sense of thankfulness that we realize all our past and present Grand Lodge officers have been spared, except our Past Grand Treasurer, R.·. W.·. Bro. John J. Freeman, who, shortly after the close of our last annual session, met with a sudden and shocking death in the Hotel Antlers, Grand Forks, of which he was proprietor. Due notice of his death was given to all the Craft.

Not so fortunate have been the particular lodges of this grand jurisdiction as many have been called upon to mourn the deaths of their members, the names of whom will appear upon the Memorial page of our proceedings.

The death scrolls of our sister grand jurisdictions have been unrolled, and many eminent names have been engrossed within their sable borders. To the departed the Committee on Fraternal Dead will present a fitting tribute.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

On June 28th, 1905, I signed Articles of Incorporation for Mizpah Lodge N. 39, at Sheldon, N. D., in conformity with the form of Articles of Incorporation formulated by Past Grand Master John F. Selby.

DISPENSATIONS—NEW LODGES.

Four dispensations for new lodges have been granted.

On July 24th, 1905, I granted dispensation for a new lodge at Bowbells, in Ward County, to be known as Bowbells lodge U.·. D.·.. Officers of the lodge were:

L. C. Rogers, Worshipful Master.
R. E. Knowlton, Senior Warden.
G. H. Carey, Junior Warden.
E. C. Kreuger, Treasurer.
C. F. Randall, Secretary.

On December 29th, 1905, I granted dispensation for a new lodge at Velva, in McHenry County, to be known as Velva Lodge U.·. D.·. The officers for the lodge were:

Milo J. Pitkin, Worshipful Master.
John E. Burke, Senior Warden.
Charles T. Langridge, Junior Warden.
George W. Downing, Treasurer.
Albert Dickinson, Secretary.

January 29th, 1906, while temporarily absent from the state, R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master Grant S. Hager, issued a dispensation for a new lodge at Buffalo, Cass County, to be known as Buffalo Lodge U.·. D.·. The officers of the lodge were:

James A. McHattie, Worshipful Master.
Tjebbe G. Ravling, Senior Warden.
Emil F. Herrig, Junior Warden.
Patrick J. O'Connor, Treasurer.
George E. Bateman, Secretary.

On February 8th, 1906, I granted a dispensation for a new lodge at Calvin, in Cavalier County, to be known as Corinthian Lodge U.·. D.·., with the following officers:

T. J. Hodgins, Worshipful Master.
Donald McKenzie, Senior Warden.
Charles A. Buck, Junior Warden.
William H. Porter, Treasurer.
Charles C. Crawford, Secretary.

During the months of March, April and May of the present year, I recieved requests from several localities in the state for dispensations for starting new lodges, but as the time was so short before the dispensations would expire, I, in each instance, thought it best not to grant the same; but urged the brethren to get all the prerequisites for starting new lodges in readiness and to apply for dispensations to the Grand Lodge at this session, or to the incoming Grand Master as soon as possible after his installation, in order that they might have time to do work enough to warrant the Grand Lodge in granting them a charter at its next annual communication.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On July 20th, 1905, I commissioned R.·. W.·. Brother Thomas E. Fox (47) to constitute Westhope Lodge No. 74, Minot, N. D., September 6, 1905. His report is as follows:

"LOUIS A. JACOBSON, M.·. W.·. Grand Master,
Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,
Hope, North Dakota.

"*Sir and Brother*: I have the honor to report to you that, in accordance

with your instructions, I went to Westhope on August 11th, 1905, and constituted Westhope Lodge No. 74 and installed its officers in due and ancient form. I was assisted in the work by a large delegation of the brethren from Willow Lodge No. 47 and Tuscan Lodge No. 44.

"After the ceremonies of constitution were over, the newly installed officers did work in the third degree, and raised two candidates to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The work was done in a very creditable manner.

"This lodge has every appearance of being in a good sound condition, and I believe a bright future is before it.

"Fraternally yours,

THOMAS E. FOX (47)."

On August 21st, 1905, I commissioned R.·. W.·. Brother Thomas E. Fox (47) to constitute Mohall Lodge No. 75. His report is as follows:

Minot, N. D., Dec. 5, 1905.

"LOUIS A. JACOBSON,

Grand Master A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.,

Hope, N. D.

"*Sir and Brother*: I have the honor to report to you that, pursuant to your commission giving me authority to act as your deputy, and according to your instructions, I went to Mohall, November 14th, 1905, and constituted Mohall Lodge No. 75, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and installed its officers in due and ancient form, and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Master.

"I was accompanied by Past Master R. A. Fox, of Mouse River Lodge, and Brother L. W. Gammons and other members of Star in the West Lodge. After the cermonies were finished, work in the third degree was exemplified by Mohall Lodge. Brother L. W. Gammons delivered a most beautiful and instructive lecture on Ancient Craft Masonry, after which we attended a banquet.

"This lodge starts out with a good membership, and the officers are well posted and enthusiastic in the work.

"Fraternally yours,

THOMAS E. FOX."

DISPENSATIONS—GENERAL.

During the year I have granted several dispensations for conferring the degrees in less than the statutory time, for good and sufficient reasons. Have also refused to grant dispensations for like purposes where the reasons were not sufficient to justify me in so doing.

Have also granted several dispensations for the election and installation of officers.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have nominated the following brothers as Grand Representatives for other Grand Lodges near ours:

Thomas Sims (44), Bottineau.....Belgium

Denis W. Coleman (13), Ellendale.....District Columbia
Robert L. Kenny (55), Mayville.....Egypt
Elisha B. Page (67), Leeds.....Maryland
William H. Campbell (70), Kenmare.....Minnesota
William J. Milligan (27), Hope.....Texas
Eben Q. Carver (20), Page.....Washington
Herbert W. Kiff (9), Tower City.....Valle de Mexico
William E. Hoover (26), Park River.....Queensland
James L. Green (39), Sheldon.....Porto Rico

GRAND LECTURER AND GRAND AUDITOR.

Agreeably to the adopted resolution of the Committee on Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1905, in consultation with our Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson, we appointed our worthy Brother Clarence A. Hale, of Grand Forks, Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor, and caused the following letter to be sent to the Worshipful Masters of each particular lodge in this grand jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M., NORTH DAKOTA.

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all Particular Lodges in North Dakota.

GREETING: We are pleased to announce that we have appointed W.·. Brother Clarence A. Hale, of Grand Forks, N. D., Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor, agreeably to resolution adopted last session Grand Lodge. The principal duty of Brother Hale this year will be investigating methods of keeping the records, the finances, and the practical details of Lodge work, ascertaining financial conditions and advising, if needs be, along these lines. He will give necessary instructions in the ritual.

In order to cover the large field before him, it will be necessary for Lodges to accommodate themselves to the dates of visitations which he will set, and of which due notice will be given.

The Grand Lodge law provides that each Lodge shall pay the Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor five dollars per day for his time with it, and living expenses. (Proceedings 1901, pg. 128, Addenda to Code pg. 118, Resolutions.)

It is earnestly hoped that each Lodge will heartily co-operate with Brother Hale in his work, for out of his efforts will doubtless come more uniform methods of business, and other essentials necessary to excellence and proficiency. In Brother Hale will be found an earnest worker, a genial Brother, and one well equipped for the task at hand.

On day set by Brother Hale for visit to Lodge, see that the Secretary and Treasurer are on hand with their books and records.

You will cause this letter to be read in open Lodge at its first stated meeting.

Fraternally,
LOUIS A. JACOBSON
Grand Master.
FRANK J. THOMPSON
Grand Secretary.

Dated Fargo, N. D., December 15, 1905.

Deeming it expedient for the benefit of the Craft, and that the work done by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor might be brought before the Grand Lodge in form, we appointed a Committee on Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor, consisting of W.·. Brother Walter J. Lorshbough (20), W.·. Brother George W. Wasem (1), and Brother Almond L. Woods(3), requesting them to meet with the Grand Secretary one day prior to this session of the Grand Lodge, and to go over carefully the reports made by Brother Hale. The report of this Committee, together with the reports of Brother Hale, will give the conditions of the records, finances, and general status of the different lodges in our grand jurisdiction.

IN RE BRO. J. H. ARMSTRONG.

About two years ago Sanborn Lodge No. 14 received what it took to be a request from Sterling Lodge No. 171, of Sterling, Kansas, to confer the F.·. C.·. and M.·. M.·. degrees upon Brother J. H. Armstrong, who had been elected and initiated in Sterling Lodge, and proceeded to confer the F.·. C.·. and M.·. M.·. degrees upon him supposedly as a matter of courtesy. It subsequently developed that the supposed request from Sterling Lodge was a waiver of jurisdiction, at least so Sterling Lodge maintained, while Sanborn Lodge maintained that it was simply a request to confer the degrees; the result being that Sterling Lodge disclaimed Brother Armstrong as its member, and Sanborn Lodge could not receive him as a member because he had never passed the secret ballot.

I took up the matter with two Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, the term of the first one expiring during the correspondence. Many letters were exchanged, but to sum up the matter will merely say that Sterling Lodge would not recede from its position, and the Grand Master of Kansas knew of no way to cause it to recede. The conditions left Brother Armstrong a Master Mason, but without lodge or proper evidence by which he could be received as a member in any other lodge.

Believing that Brother Armstrong was entirely innocent in this matter, and had been a creature of misunderstanding, I believed that our Fraternity owed him at least the proper evidence that he was a Master Mason. Therefore, I issued a certificate of his masonic status, reciting therein concisely the facts in the case, requesting all lodges in this grand jurisdiction to receive such certificate as equivalent to a dimit when attached to an application for

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Laying of corner stone of Traill County Court House, at Hillsboro, N. D., June 20th, 1906, by Grand Lodge North Dakota.

affiliation, and requesting that lodges of sister grand jurisdictions fraternally comply with the order.

IN RE CODE.

The Grand Secretary informing me that on account of the unusual demand for our codified laws, the printed edition was practically exhausted, and that unless a new edition was printed our new lodges would be without the printed laws, I requested Brother Thompson to put them in proper shape for consideration at this grand communication. Complying with the request, he did so, and in order to facilitate consideration, Past Grand Masters John F. Selby, George L. McGregor and Robert M. Carothers, were appointed a committee on revision to consult and work with the Grand Secretary, and they were requested to meet at some time prior to the session of the Grand Lodge. Agreeably to an agreed date, they met in Fargo with the Grand Secretary, and, doubtless, have their report ready. I deemed it just that compensation should be paid to the brethren called in consultation with the Grand Secretary, and the usual mileage and per diem was paid to them.

The kindness of these brethren in taking hold of this work is of inestimable value to the Garnd Lodge; for if they had not done so there would not have been time properly to consider, arrange, and codify the laws at this grand session. I also authorize the Grand Secretary to incur any reasonable expense that may be necessary to facilitate his work in the matter. I would recommend that an appropriation be made to meet all the expenses thus far incurred in pursuing the work.

LAYING CORNER STONE.

I had the pleasure of receiving an invitation as Grand Master to lay the corner stone of the new Court House at Hillsboro, Traill County. On the 20th day of June, the day set for the ceremonies, I called a Provisional Grand Lodge, and laid the stone agreeably to the ceremonies of our Institution. The following were the officers assisting me in the ceremonies:

John F. Selby, as.....Deputy Grand Master.
Jorgan Howard, as.....Senior Grand Warden.
Alvin Schmitt, as .....Junior Grand Warden
A. O. Anderson, as .....Grand Treasurer
John T. Kiland, as .....Grand Secretary
Rev. H. V. Rominger, as .....Grand Chaplain
J. F. Watts, as .....Senior Grand Deacon
P. N. Loitwood, as .....Junior Grand Deacon
C. H. Baglien, as .....Senior Grand Steward
John O. Lee, as .....Junior Grand Steward
Thomas Harrison, as .....Grand Pursuivant
A. T. Elkin, as .....Grand Tyler

M.·. W.·. Brother J. F. Selby, as Mayor of Hillsboro, made the remarks of welcome. Among the other speakers were Brother E. Y. Sarles, Governor of North Dakota, Judge C. A. Pollock, member of Shiloh Lodge, and

Brother Tracy Bangs, member of Acacia Lodge, and Brother Fred L. Goodman, Chairman of County Commissioners, acted as Master Ceremonies. Brother C. W. Buechner, of St. Paul, Architect of the building, was also present.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been referred to me for decision which were answered by simply calling attention to the existing laws. The following seemed to involve new matter, and, therefore, I deem it proper to report them for your consideration.

Question 1: We have a brother living within the jurisdiction of our lodge who is a member of a lodge in Canada, and wishes to affiliate with our lodge and yet retain his membership in his mother lodge. He can furnish a certificate of good standing in his home lodge. Is there any reason why we should not accept his petition, and allow him to affiliate as he requests?

Answer: Will say that, after searching all laws that might bear on the subject, I find there is absolutely no law applying to the question at issue. The question simmers down to this: Can a brother who is a member of a lodge of another grand jurisdiction become a member of a lodge in this grand jurisdiction by affiliation without losing his membership in the other lodge? Section 37 of our Grand Lodge By-Laws states clearly that every Mason applying for membership in any lodge in this grand jurisdiction must present satisfactory evidence to such lodge that he has taken a regular DIMIT from the lodge of which he has last been a member, which I would construe to mean that he must have severed his membership with the lodge last a member of before applying to another lodge for membership.

Held that a brother cannot hold a membership in two masonic lodges at the same time. (Approved.)

Question 2: The lodge at "A" has received a petition for the degrees of one "A. B.", who has a crippled right arm, to the extent that his right hand cannot be raised, of its own volition, above the shoulder, having been shriveled and deformed since birth. While he could not give all of the signs with his right arm, yet it is usable to such an extent that one who is of the Fraternity, seeing the actions, could readily understand his meaning. We do not think the deformity is to such an extent as to impair the giving of the grip. Before rejecting the petition, we wish to receive the ruling of the Grand Master under this statement of facts.

Answer: Mr. A. B. is not eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry, and his petition should not have been received. It should be returned to him without any further action by the lodge. (Approved.)

Question 3: One of the leading citizens in this jurisdiction of the lodge at "B" is desirous of becoming a Mason. His left leg was amputated about twelve inches below the hip some years ago. He wears an artificial leg and

has good use of it. There are joints in the leg at the knee and ankle, and he walks and moves around almost as well as any one. Can we accept his petition?

Answer: No. (Approved.)

Question 4: Statement: The Master of a lodge removes permanently from the jurisdiction of the lodge. Question: Can the Senior Warden appoint any Past Master to fill the station of Worshipful Master, and does the brother so called have the right to appoint committees on investigation of candidates, sign warrants, and perform other functions of the Master?

Answer: The Senior Warden, when the Master removes permanently from the jurisdiction of the lodge, becomes *de facto* the Master. He cannot delegate to another his prerogatives as Acting Master, any more than the Master, were he present, can delegate or confer upon another brother his prerogatives as Master. However, the Senior Warden, as Acting Master, as well as the Master, may call any brother to the East to preside, or to confer a degree, but the brother so acting does not thereby become vested with any of the prerogatives of the Master beyond the part of presiding, and any further privilege than this he cannot assume. Neither can the Master divest himself of the rights and privileges he possesses as Master or Acting Master of the lodge. In other words, the brother so called to the East is simply the spokesman of the Master, or Senior Warden, as Master *de facto*; neither is it necessary that the brother so called to the East shall be a Past Master. To extend the question, we believe that where a Master, or Senior Warden, who is acting as Master, desires a brother to preside, the Master, or Senior Warden, should first assume the station of Worshipful Master, call the lodge to order, and then, if he desires, request the brother, who is to assist, to occupy the East. (Approved.)

Question 5. Statement: A candidate having been elected to receive the degrees in Masonry is subsequently, and prior to the conferring of the Entered Apprentice degree, found to have been indicted and under bond for his appearance in court for violation of the prohibitory law. The lodge was willing to confer the degree, believing that the offense had been condoned, and knowing that the candidate was living a moral life, and is not now engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors illegally.

Question: Can the lodge legally proceed to confer the degrees; if not, what should be the course to pursue?

Answer: To the first question: No. A candidate under indictment, or under bonds to appear for trial for violation of the prohibitory law, is ineligible to be made a Mason.

To second question: Return petition and fee to candidate, and expunge from the minutes of the lodge all record of the reception of the petition and the election of the candidate. (Modified.)

Following this decision, and from the same lodge, the following question was asked.

Question 6. Statement: The candidate who has been elected to receive the degrees while under bonds for trial for violation of the pro-

hibitory law, appeared in court and pleaded guilty of the offense, was given a suspended sentence and his bonds released.

Question. Is the lodge now at liberty to receive his petition?

Answer. Yes. Being neither under indictment nor bonds for the violation of the prohibitory law, the reception of his petition lies at the discretion of the lodge. (Disapproved.)

RELIEF TO CALIFORNIA BRETHREN.

After the sad calamity that befell the people of San Francisco, Santa Rosa, and vicinity, on April 18th last, by earthquake and fire, I felt that our aid and fraternal charity should be extended to suffering and needy humanity, and following out the principle that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all men, I directed our Grand Secretary to write a letter to our Past Grand Master, Dr. Albert B. Herrick, who is living at Santa Rosa, believing he would be in a position to know to what extent relief was needed in his city. He promptly replied to this inquiry, and informed us that Santa Rosa, a city of about 10,000 inhabitants, was left a mass of blazing ruins, and all communication with its sister cities cut off; that the immensity of San Francisco's catastrophe so overshadowed Santa Rosa's that her sorrow was obscured from the world's attention, and the suffering of over 8,000 of her homeless citizens was appalling.

With these facts at hand, I caused the following circular letter to be sent to each particular lodge in this grand jurdisdiction:

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE,
A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., NORTH DAKOTA.

Hope, May 12th, 1906.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of the particular Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

That you have learned of the calamity which has befallen the people of San Francisco, Santa Rosa, and vicinity, thru earthquake and fire, goes without saying. Now that the shock of the appalling disaster is over, our minds are prone to let it pass into the forgetfulness of things gone by.

To assure ourselves of the actual condition and want of the sufferers, and especially our masonic brothers there, we wrote to our Past Grand Master, Dr. A. B. Herrick, who has been living at Santa Rosa for a number of years. He informed us that Santa Rosa is left a mass of brick and stone; that the Masons were building a beautiful temple and had put into it $48,000.00; that the temple is a mass of ruins the brothers lost it all, besides owing an overdraft of $6,000.00 and a large number of unpaid bills; that the dead so far were 65, and bodies being discovered daily; that ruin has overtaken those who were formerly prosperous and well-to-do; that in proportion that city has suffered greater than San Francisco, and is worse off, for the size of the latter city has overshadowed the disaster at Santa Rosa, and, consequently, it is overlooked except by those in their own state.

It would seem to your Grand Master that we, who are living in the midst of prosperity, should, in some degree, recognize the sign of distress, altho not given to us as a means to aid. A small contribution from each of our particular lodges in the aggregate would make a comfortable sum and thus help to relieve our distressed brethren of California. We would propose placing the collection in the hands of our Past Grand Master, Dr. A. B. Herrick, to be used by him in a manner that in his judgment would serve the purpose of relief the best. The earlier we can get the funds forwarded, the greater good will they do. We would ask each particular lodge to contribute what it reasonably can, forward the donation to our Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D., and let us close the time of contribution on June 1st. Due credit of contributions will be given each lodge in my report to the Grand Lodge.

We are willing to receive suggestions in regard to the distribution of the funds, and sincerely trust that the several contributions will be prompt, free, and as generous as financial conditions will practically admit.

In order to expedite contributions for so worthy a cause, we hereby grant to all lodges within our grand jurisdiction, a special dispensation to convene at any time, upon proper call, to consider this matter and to make donation for the purpose set forth, if such special meeting be deemed necessary in the opinion of the Worshipful Master.

Fraternally yours,

Attest:

LOUIS A. JACOBSON,
Grand Master.

(Seal.)

FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary.

In response to the call, the following lodges contributed the amounts set opposite their names:

April 27.	Euclid No. 24 Lakota	$ 20.00
May 18.	Milton No. 48	50.00
May 18.	Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood	12.50
May 18.	Aurora No. 56, Carrington	25.00
May 18.	Ashlar No. 69, Granville	25.00
May 19.	Goose River No. 19, Portland	25.00
May 21.	Valley City No. 7	25.00
May 21.	Crescent No. 11, Grafton	40.00
May 21.	Forest River No. 28, Inkster	25.00
May 21.	Rugby No. 65	5.00
May 21.	Wimbledon No. 71	10.00
May 24.	Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	25.00
May 24.	Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	10.00
May 24.	Century No. 60, New Rockford	25.00

May	24.	Ionic No. 64, Hannah	30.00	
May	24.	Corinthian U.·. D.·., Calvin	25.00	
May	25.	North Star No. 16, Larimore	50.00	
May	25.	Crystal No. 38	10.00	
May	25.	Fidelity No. 52, Drayton	10.00	
May	25.	Mohall No. 73	12.00	
May	25.	Westhope No. 74	25.00	
May	25.	Buffalo U.·. D.·.	29.00	
May	25.	Hope No. 29, Oakes	5.00	
May	26.	Occidental No. 27, Hope	50.00	
May	26.	Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	50.00	
May	28.	Mackey No. 18, LaMoure	25.00	
May	28.	Willow No. 47, Willow City	25.00	
May	28.	Kenmare No. 70	25.00	
May	29.	Devotion No. 61, Harvey	25.00	
May	29.	Dickinson No. 32	25.00	
May	30.	Hillsboro No. 10	25.00	
May	30.	Ellendale No. 13	25.00	
May	30.	Dickey No. 63	50.00	
		Dickey No. 63 personal contributions from Dickey members	27.00	
		Personal contributions from Dickey members at Marion	12.00	
May	31.	Maple River No. 41, Edgeley	25.00	
June	1.	Mandan No. 8	10.00	
June	1.	Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	50.25	
June	4.	Cereal No. 9, Tower City	12.00	
June	4.	Hankinson No. 57	10.00	
June	4.	Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	100.25	
				$1090.00

Lodges contributing after funds were sent:

June	14.	Anchor No. 25, Milnor	$20.00	
June	15.	Independence No. 59, Leal	25.00	
June	18.	Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	25.00	
June	24.	Mt. Moriah No. 51, Williston	50.00	
				$120.00
		Total		$1,210.00

The following lodges sent donations directly to California before the circular letter was issued:

Jamestown No. 6	$25.00
Fairmount No. 37	50.00
Cando No. 40	50.00
Rolla No. 66	50.00
	$175.00
Grand total	$1,385.00

On June 5th, not knowing that further contributions would be received, and being desirous that the funds should be forwarded for the purpose for which donated, the amount then collected, $1,090.00, was forwarded, in currency, by express.

The following letter was sent by registered mail:

"Fargo, N. D., June 5th, 1906.

"Dr. A. B. Herrick,
S. E. Cor. 4th and D. Sts.,
Santa Rosa, California.

"*Dear Sir and M.·. W.·. Brother*: By express $1090.00 is sent, contributions from the several particular lodges of this state, and from individual donations. It is a small amount, but represents the same spirit as the widow felt who gave her mite. After receiving your letter, it was determined that our brethren in Santa Rosa and vicinity should receive our remembrances, and that you should be the distributing agent, and with this understanding voluntary contributions were solicited. Speaking from the general sentiment of the Craft, you are asked, in the name of the Masons of North Dakota, to apply the funds for the relief of the sufferers of earthquake and fire, first, to worthy distressed brothers, their families, dependents, and orphans; and, second, to the unfortunate irrespective of color, creed, or country. If practicable, may your acknowledgement be received, and as much report as facts will warrant before the session of of our Grand Lodge, commencing the 26th of this month.

With assurance of esteem, we remain,

Fraternally,
LOUIS A. JACOBSON,
Grand Master.
FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary.

This morning I received the following letter from Brother Herrick:

"Santa Rosa, Cal., June 21, 1906.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.

"Most Worshipful and Esteemed Brethren: It is with deep gratitude and a sense of the responsibility reposed in one of your past members, that I received from the Express Company this afternoon, the sum of

$1,090 to be expended in the relief of the sufferers of the fire and earthquake of last April.

"For myself I wish to sincerely thank you for your generous donation, and I know that the Masons of Santa Rosa will ever remember your act, and if ever in their power to reciprocate, let me assure you they will do their best.

"I wish to say that it is no easy matter to dispense this amount and know that it goes to those most deserving, for they are often the ones who will not make their wants known, while on the other hand we have those who are always asking for more. I shall endeavor to place this money where it is most needed and to deserving parties.

"As yet I have not disbursed any but have four cases which will be attended to as soon as possible. Major Orlando Fountain will be the first. Bro. Fountain has lost $25,000 and has $18,000 indebtedness hanging over him. If he should get any insurance, which we do not expect, only in part, if at all, the money of course will go to his creditors and still leave a large indebtedness hanging over him, with no home or business at the age of 72. The man is actually without a dollar.

"Again thanking the Grand Lodge, and all the Brethren, and hoping that the session of 1906 will be harmonious and for the best interest of the Craft, I will close. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father rest upon you and yours.

"Fraternally Yours,
"ALBERT B. HERRICK."

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank all the past and present grand lodge officers, as well as the brethren of this grand jurisdiction, for their words of encouragement and advice, and their kindly assistance in the past.

I have no words to express the gratitude I feel toward our efficient Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson, for his innumerable acts of courtesy and kindness to me, the words of cheer with which he has always greeted me, and the stimulation he has been for duties at hand.

And as I am about to lay down the emblem of authority which you, a year ago, with so strong a sentiment of confidence, entrusted to my hand, I feel more than ever the responsibility of the exalted position I have held as your Grand Master. It has been my aim to administer the affairs of this office in keeping with the high standard of masonic jurisprudence which my predecessors have so wisely created, and to guard the Craft against the possibility of any bitterness or discord springing up to disturb that brotherly love which has characterized the Masons of our grand jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
Grand Master.

REPORT—DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

DEDICATION MASONIC TEMPLE, SHELDON.

The R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Grant S. Hager, made the following report.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren:

I have to report that on January 18th, 1906, during the absence of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master from the state, and at the request of the Master and Wardens of Mizpah Lodge No. 39, I dedicated the beautiful new Masonic Temple at Sheldon, North Dakota. The brethren of that place have consummated a splendid work—one which could not be equalled by many lodges in towns ten times the size. After the ceremonies of dedication, a banquet was served in the Opera House by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Many visitors from other lodges were present. The event was most pleasing and beneficial.

Fraternally,
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
Deputy Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26) then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Grand Treasurer takes pleasure in submitting to you his annual report for the fiscal year just closed:

RECEIPTS.

1905.		
June 27.	Balance on hand as per last report	$9,473.26
1906.		
June 2.	Received from Grand Secretary	4.00
June 2.	Received from Grand Secretary	120.00
June 2.	Received from Grand Secretary	12.60
June 2.	Received from Grand Secretary	5.00
June 23.	Received from Interest	220.00
June 25.	Received from Grand Secretary	5.00
June 25.	Received from Grand Secretary	20.00
June 25.	Received from Grand Secretary	5,974.50
	Total receipts	$15,834.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Order No. 262	$200.00
Paid Order No. 263	10.00
Paid Order No. 264	1.015.50
Paid Order No. 265	9.80
Paid Order No. 266	150.00
Paid Order No. 267	50.00
Paid Order No. 268	240.00
Paid Order No. 269	35.00
Paid Order No. 270	120.00
Paid Order No. 271	120.00
Paid Order No. 272	120.00
Paid Order No. 273	200.00
Paid Order No. 274	100.00
Paid Order No. 275	225.92
Paid Order No. 276	28.75
Pail Order No. 277	120.00
Paid Order No. 278	38.59
Paid Order No. 279	120.00
Paid Order No. 280	120.00
Paid Order No. 281	30.20
Paid Order No. 282	120.00
Paid Order No. 283	120.00
Paid Order No. 284	200.00
Paid Order No. 285	120.00
Paid Order No. 286	50.00
Paid Order No. 287	100.00
Paid Order No. 288	120.00
Paid Order No. 289	50.00
Paid Order No. 290	120.00
Paid Order No. 291	100.00
Paid Order No. 292	100.00
Paid Order No. 293	118.90
Paid Order No. 294	2.36
Paid Order No. 295	240.92
June 25, 1906—Balance	$11.218.42
	$15.834.36

Fraternally submitted,

CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then read his annual report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

As your Grand Secretary, I am privileged to submit my fourteenth annual report.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

All chartered lodges and lodges U.·. D.·. have sent their annual returns to the Grand Secretary within the statutory time, except Independence No. 59, at Leal.

There is a marked improvement in the accuracy of the returns over those of previous years, and an apparent better understanding of the things required by the annual returns. An unusual demand has been made for duplicate membership cards from the various lodges. Doubtless this is largely due to the efforts of our Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor, Brother Clarence A. Hale, in his journeys among the various particular lodges of this state. Indeed, so large was the demand for blank membership cards that our stock of cards on hand, which we thought sufficient for another year, became exhausted, and our Grand Secretary was obliged to purchase and have printed a supply. In order to do this most economically it was necessary to buy in large quantities, and, consequently, we ran over the appropriation for membership registry, but the stock on hand is ready for future demands.

Still, we found many errors and misunderstandings in the returns which had to be explained and corrected, involving a large correspondence. Among the errors, we found the names of dimitted brothers upon petitions for new lodges, the brethren having dimitted from lodges in the state, that the dimitting lodges had not reported the dimissions. Inasmuch as we check up the membership of all petitioners for new lodges, where such petitioners have demitted from lodges in this state, we discovered the errors and corrected secretaries who omitted to report the dimissions.

We can scarcely see how such errors can occur if lodges are using the dimit book authorized by this Grand Lodge, except it be that no reference is made to the dimit books when collecting dimission data. If dimit books be used, then no dimit can be issued except by the use of one of the blanks. Of course, if secretaries omit to note the names of dimitting brethren on the stub then the object of the dimit record is defeated.

We found a number of instances where lodges had done work for other lodges in this grand jurisdiction and failed to extend the courtesy of reporting the work to the requesting lodges. We found these errors largely through the fact that the lodge doing the work reported the same to the Grand Lodge on its annual returns, which in itself was an

error, but, fortunately, this error corrected a more serious one. In other cases, found dimissions of brothers, who, according to our records, had never completed the degrees, and, upon inquiry, learned that some other lodge in the state had done the work, and that the lodge doing the work had not reported it to the requesting lodge, but the latter had taken it as a matter of course that the degrees were conferred, without thinking it necessary to ascertain the dates.

There seems to be a lack of uniformity as to the extent of courtesy a conferring lodge extends to the requesting lodge, and also oftentimes the requesting lodge asks the conferring lodge to collect fees. We call attention to these matters, not in a spirit of criticism, but in hopes that secretaries will read our report and correct themselves in errors of the past. If our opinion be worth anything, we believe that no lodge should request a conferring lodge to collect fees; that all fees to the requesting or mother lodge should first be paid by the candidate, irrespective of local by-laws, before the requesting lodge asks another lodge to do the work for it. If such a rule prevail, it would save much confusion and lighten the courtesies of the conferring lodge. We also believe that no lodge extending the courtesy of conferring degrees for another lodge should inject into its acts the apparent mercenary motive of doing the work for what the requesting lodge is willing to give, or what the lodge doing the work is willing to take. If a lodge extends a courtesy, it should be a courtesy in the fullest sense of the word.

It might be well to remark that where work is done as a courtesy, the requesting lodge should not expeet that the conferring lodge put itself to the inconvenience of a special meeting, but that the candidate be given the degree when other work is done. So far as our experience goes with lodges in the east, we have not known of any instance where the requesting lodge has been called upon to pay any part of the fee, and the courtesy of conferring degrees was gladly and fraternally extended.

We might also say in this connection that the lodge owning the candidate, as it were, should report the work and pay the Grand Lodge fees, and under remarks on returns it might be well to state that certain of the degrees were conferred as courtesy by another lodge, in this way rounding the history of the candidate to completion in the Grand Lodge records.

We further believe that the necessity of obtaining all of the personal history, as required for the Grand Lodge membership record, should be insisted upon, and that no petition should be considered complete and proper for reception by a lodge unless such petition shows such information. We mention this because so many of the returns do not show any personal history of applicants, especially if rejected. By that is meant full date of birth, town and state or country where born, occupation and residence. In cases where this information was omitted when the petition was originally presented, and the candidate is afterward received, the secretary can obtain it. If the candidate be rejected, then, doubtless, the

secretary feels somewhat embarrassed to make efforts to obtain information, and the rejected applicant may feel that inasmuch as he was rejected that the questions are impertinent. In many instances extending back several years, we find that secretaries who promised to get personal data for applicants have failed to do so.

To illustrate the necessity of obtaining this information, we will give a few instances. The daughter of a Master Mason, whose father died a number of years ago, wanted to learn his masonic standing at the time of death for the purpose of joining the Eastern Star. We found two brother Masons by the same name, bearing the same initials, but belonging to different lodges. No data whatever was given as to their dates of birth or birthplaces, and only initials of christian names recorded; one was suspended and the other deceased. His death occurred while the daughter was a very small child, and the family had separated, therefore it was imposible to identify her father, all because necessary information had not been obtained and the petition properly filled out when it was presented to the lodge.

Another case was where a lodge had advanced money for the burial of a brother, and wished to know if he was a member of any lodge in the state. We found the same surname and the same initials upon the records of two lodges. Nothing but initials had been reported for given names, no date of birth, nothing to identify them, except in this instance both happened to be of the same trade. If the records had shown even the first given name in full, it might have helped some.

Many other instances of similar nature have come to our attention, and thus it will be seen how important it is to have a complete record of every Mason becoming a member in our state, or every one who attempts the mystic journey. We are sorry to report that there are secretaries who seem to take it as a personal affront because we presume to go into details of personal history, doubtless thinking only of their own particular lodges, and of the immediate persons, not of what may arise when all who know the facts may have passed away.

In the following list, credit is given lodges for promptness in making returns, showing which ones had their returns in the Grand Secretary's office May 3rd or prior thereto:

Golden Valley No. 26, Park River.....April 18
Hope No. 29, Oakes.....April 18
St. John's No. 36, Forest River.....April 19
Dickey No. 63.....April 19
Hiram No. 20, Page.....April 21
Occidental No. 27, Hope.....April 21
Devotion No. 61, Harvey.....April 21
Crescent No. 11, Grafton.....April 22

Sanborn No. 14	April 22
Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	April 23
Valley City No. 7	April 25
Walhalla No. 50	April 26
Mt. Moriah No. 51, Williston	April 26
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton	April 26
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	April 26
Hunter No. 62	April 27
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	April 28
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	April 29
Bismarck No. 5	April 29
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	April 29
Reynolds No. 42	April 29
Minto No. 17	April 30
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	April 30
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	April 30
Rolla No. 66	April 30
North Star No. 16, Larimore	May 1
Goose River No. 19, Portland	May 1
Bathgate No. 23	May 1
Dickinson No. 32	May 1
Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood	May 1
Century No. 60, New Rockford	May 1
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	May 1
Wahpeton No. 15	May 3
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	May 3
Ionic No. 64, Hannah	May 3
Rugby No. 65	May 3

The following list shows receipt of returns within fifteen days after last meeting:

	Days.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	1
Century No. 60, New Rockford	1
Dickey No. 63	1
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	2
Hope No. 29, Oakes	2
Occidental No. 27, Hope	3
Crescent No. 11, Grafton	4
Dickinson No. 32	4
Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	4
Bismarck No. 5	6
Wahpeton No. 15	6
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	6
Reynolds No. 42	6
Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood	6
Rugby No. 65	6
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	7
Mt. Moriah No. 51, Williston	7
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	8
Khurum No. 58, Gilby	9
Ionic No. 64, Hannah	9
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	10
Star in the West No. 33. Minot	10
Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan	10
Casselton No. 3	11
Prudence No. 68, Cogswell	11
Mandan No. 8	12
Goose River No. 19, Portland	12
Euclid No. 24, Lakota	12
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	12
Leeds No. 67	12
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	13
Hamilton No. 35	13
Rolla No. 66	13
Valley City No 7	14
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River	15

The following lodges have raised 9 or more. I also give the lodge membership, so that comparison may be made between the raisings and the number on the roster, also giving total increase from all sources.

	Raisings.	Total Increase.	Membership.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	20	20	504
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	15	7	249
Jamestown No. 6	11	10	142
Hillsboro No. 10	10	5	106
Wahpeton No. 15	10	2	65
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	22	10	154
Occidental No. 27, Hope	10	7	121
Dickinson No. 32	15	13	124
Star in the West No. 33, Minot	14	22	90
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	19	11	181
Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon	11	13	66
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	22	21	100
Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan	12	6	89
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	11	4	71
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	11	10	75
Century No. 60, New Rockford	15	14	76
Rolla No. 66	19	15	84
Kenmare No. 70	9	9	50
Westhope No. 74	16	22	48
Buffalo U.·. D.·.	12	12	32
Corinthian U.·. D.·., Calvin	10	13	39

Minnewaukan Lodge at Devils Lake, and Tuscan Lodge at Bottineau, lead the list of raisings, each having 22 to its credit.

The largest net increase among chartered lodges is that of Westhope, which was chartered last year, having had an increase of 22 and no decrease. The next largest net increase is that of Tuscan, at Bottineau, 21, and the next Shiloh, Fargo, with a net increase of 20.

The following are the lodges whose membership is less this year than last:

Pembina No. 2.
Casselton No. 3.
Valley City No. 7.
Cereal No. 9, Tower City.
Mackey No. 18, LaMoure.
Tongue River No. 22, Cavalier.
Bathgate No. 23.
Anchor No. 25, Milnor.
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River.
Temple No. 30, St. Thomas.
St. John's No. 36, Forest River.
Crystal No. 38.
Reynolds No. 42.
Mouse River No. 43, Towner.
Willow No. 47, Willow City.
Milton No. 48.
Welcome No. 54, Churches Ferry.
Ionic No. 64, Hannah.
Berthold No. 72.

The following lodges had no gain in membership:

Goose River No. 19, Portland.	Khurum No. 58, Gilby.
Hiram No. 20, Page.	Leeds No. 67.

From the foregoing it will be seen that 19 lodges show a decrease in membership, and 4 no increase or decrease. These conditions may be something for masonic students to think over and to consider whether it be due to location in the state, kind of timber surrounding the lodge, or personnel of lodge officers.

The number of deaths are 34 as against 40 the previous year. This year no lodge suffered so great a loss by death as some did last year, Shiloh then losing 9, this year only five were claimed by the Reaper.

This year we have four lodges under dispensation: Bowbells, at Bowbells, with 2 raised; Velva, at Velva, with 4 raised; Buffalo, at Buffalo with 12 raised; Corinthian, at Calvin, with 10 raised and 3 affiliates. These lodges have a number of candidates who had not received the Master's degree at the time their reports were closed, June 1st.

The continued prosperity of Masonry in the state gives cause for congratulation to all who are interested in our fraternity. During the year 504 were raised as against 412 the year previous, a gain of 92. Our present membership is 5,543 as against 5,154 the prior year, a gain of 389.

The income for dues and fees for the present year is $5,974.50 as against $5,188.75 the year prior, a total increase of $785.75.

GRAND LECTURER AND GRAND AUDITOR.

As the Grand Master has stated, W.·. Brother Clarence A. Hale, Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge No. 4, of Grand Forks, was appointed Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor. It seemed expedient that this Grand Officer should make special report of the conditions he found in the lodges visited. Especially did it seem imperative because of the added duties of such Grand Officer, and that the Grand Lodge may know concretely concerning the affairs of the several bodies, and could thus intelligently be in position to rectify faults that might exist, your Grand Secretary formulated a series of questions touching upon the phases of lodge life and affairs. These blanks were given to the Grand Lecturer and Auditor with instructions to fill out and return to the Grand Secretary's office immediately after visitation to a lodge, which he did.

It was also known that there seemed to be no uniformity in the manner of keeping minutes, especially as to phraseology and details. With the approbation of the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer and Auditor, your Grand Secretary attempted to formulate a series of entries for the various matters which could from time to time arise in lodges. Your Grand Secretary was obliged to draw heavily upon his imagination as to what might happen in lodges, and tried to clothe such transactions in their proper masonic dress. The nature of the habiliment was not intended

to be arbitrarily followed out, but to serve at least as suggestions, yet, as to the suggestions, they were not made from imagination as were the transactions, but drawn according to the best authorities at hand, and from many years' experience as local secretary of the various bodies in the system of Masonry. To whatever failure there may be in the sample minutes, we trust the brethren will balance up against it the good intention which fathered the attempt.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRY.

During the past year all chartered lodges have been furnished with completed membership cards to the close of the masonic year, April 30, 1905. We have mentioned this same fact each year since our present system of membership came into vogue, and we do so largely for our own protection, because it has been reported that cards have not been received by secretaries to whom they were sent. This is a matter in which we are very particular, and there is absolutely no failure on the part of your Grand Secretary to neglect to send any lodge its yearly completed membership cards properly filled out per returns received.

GRAND LODGES ASKING RECOGNITION.

Your Grand Secretary is in receipt of a communication from the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada, asking for fraternal recognition. A convention of lodges was held at Calgary, October 12, 1905, at which time a Grand Lodge was organized, and which organization received the full sanction of its mother Grand Lodge, that of Manitoba. This matter should be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Relations.

The Grand Lodges of Porto Rico and Queensland have been officially notified of our recognition of them, and requested to exchange Grand Representatives.

CERTIFICATES OF LODGE MEMBERS.

On account of the growth of clandestine lodges, many of the grand lodges in this country are prohibiting the visitation of any Mason from a foreign grand jurisdiction who does not hold not only a receipt for dues, but an annual certificate that his lodge is a legally constituted lodge under the legal grand lodge of the state from which he hails. If this drift continues, it will be but a short time when all or nearly all of the grand lodges will make such regulations.

One of the latest to adopt such a rule is the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and at our own request the Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge sent us sample cards which are issued by the several lodges to members when they pay their annual dues.

We do not know that it is necessary at this communication to make any rule in this regard, but we believe that it will not be amiss to call the attention to our Grand Lodge to it at this time, that it may be prepared to act at some future communication. If there be a disposition to act at this

time, we believe that it would be well to postpone definite action until your Grand Secretary can ascertain what Grand Lodges are demanding certificates and receipts for dues from visitors, and what kind of a certificate will satisfy. If it should be required that your Grand Secretary personally sign all receipts for dues issued by lodges during each year, then may the Supreme Architect have mercy on your Grand Secretary; but we will apprehend that there will be another way out of it, doubtless in the nature of a certificate and dues receipt combined to be issued out of the Grand Secretary's office to the several particular lodges.

This Grand Lodge has taken very wise precautions in anticipating and circumventing the visitations of members of clandestine lodges, many of whom are ignorant that they are clandestine Masons. The "List of Regular Lodges in the World," which was sent to the various lodges during the past year, doubtless is almost a specific against imposition of this kind. And this brings up the question of whether a new list of regular lodges shall be sent out this year, or whether the matter will be deferred for action at some subsequent annual communication. The books are not published until September each year, and those distributed were of last September edition, so the information is still fresh.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There are two matters for the consideration of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, both expulsions, one of which has been appealed.

FINANCES.

We have not made a detailed statement of our financial transactions, for the reason that the Finance Committee have checked up your Grand Treasurer and your Grand Secretary, and is ready to make its report.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

During the year two Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges have closed their earthly accounts. Charles Inglesby, who was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in 1874 and filled that office until his death in March, 1906, a period of nearly thirty-two years. Brother Inglesby, during the Civil War, served the Confederate states as a captain, and, so the record says: "Made a brilliant record for his daring bravery and admirable skill and ability as an artillery captain in handling his men." He was a lawyer by profession, and was among the most prominent at the bar in his state, and of him it is said: "As a citizen he was prominent in every good work, always candid, fair, honest, and true to every trust, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of the public to a rare degree. He raised for himself a monument that the hands of time cannot destroy."

The other is Thomas Milburne Reed, who, in 1858 helped to organize the Grand Lodge of Washington, at which time he was elected its Grand Secretary, and served as such continuously until his death, October 7, 1905, except two years, during which he served as Grand Master, and even then

practically as Grand Secretary, a period of forty-seven years, and by his long and faithful service, and his intimate relation with the affairs of that grand body, was sometimes called the "Father of the Grand Lodge of Washington." During his life, he served his state in various capacities, and was always interested in its upbuilding. For many years he wrote the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and his reviews always evidenced his lofty ideals and his fairness in discussing the questions of the times.

Thus two more of the Masonic Veterans have passed away, and, in one sense, it will take many years for someone else to fit into similar niches which Brother Inglesby and Brother Reed occupied in the hearts of the brethren of their respective states.

It seems meet and proper that we should mention the death of Mrs. Thomas J. Wilder, widow of our late Brother Wilder, once the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Dakota Territory from its organization until the division into the Grand Chapters of North and South Dakota, and for five years Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of this state. Mrs. Wilder was living on her claim near Ellendale, this state, and had returned there after a visit. A storm suddenly came up which scattered the house over the prairie and left her lifeless form lying where it had once stood. Her sudden taking off was a shock to the community and her many friends throughout the state. Her body was taken to Spokane, Washington, by her daughter and son and laid beside her husband. She was a prominent member of the Eastern Star and the Degree of Honor.

LIBRARY.

The past year has been one of considerable activity in library matters, and so far as the number of books purchased is concerned perhaps exceeds any other one year. One hundred and ninety volumes have been accessed, classified, catalogued, and placed on the shelves. There are practically as many more which came in too late to be properly shelved on account of the work incident to our grand sessions.

The selection of books suitable for our class of library is one of no easy task, for not only must a policy be laid out as to the character of books, but the qualification of the author to write upon a subject must be considered. The first consideration are those books which deal directly with masonic subjects, although we are free to confess that very much written concerning Masonry is absolutely worthless. The second are those subjects which deal with Masonry collaterally, and then other subjects which follow along the line of thought which masonic students are apt to pursue. To make these distinctions and to find where the books may be obtained requires discrimination and search.

Believing that much which was a part of the ancient Egyptian civilization at least tinges Masonry, we have specialized on this subject, and our library now has nearly everything pertaining to that ancient nation; not all of the old and scarce books whose value lies in the fact that they are old

In my visits I found, with two or three exceptions, the officers and especially secretaries with whom I worked, very courteous and obliging, ready and willing to give information requested, and with the same willingness to receive suggestions, and seemed to feel that my work and visits were beneficial, and would result in much good.

Personally I feel and believe that the system adopted in this work is very complete, and from the report of each individual lodge on file in the Grand Secretary's office, a thoro undestanding can be had of its standing and method of handling its affairs.

In almost every instance I was assured by the lodge secretary that my recommendations would be carried out, and the changes suggested would be made without delay.

Promises and good resolutions are easily made, altho made with the best of motives and intentions, thru neglect and thoughtlessness, are not always fulfilled, and I do here suggest and recommend that some system or means be adopted by this Grand Body whereby the Grand Secretary may know that the recommendations of the Grand Auditor in his reports on the various lodges, after being approved by the committee on such reports, are properly carried into force and effect.

In visiting the lodges, and the Grand Secretary, the necessary miles traveled were 2,642. At mileage rate two and one-half cents, except my travel on the Soo Line being three cents, makes the aggregate railroad fare $69.05; postage $3.00, total $72.05.

Received from Grand Secretary $100; this, less the amount above, $72.05, leaves in my hands a balance of $27.95.

I regret very much my inability to visit and report on all of the lodges before the meeting of this Grand Body.

I desire to express my thanks to the Grand Officers, and especially to Grand Secretary Thompson for his assistance and good council in this work.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE A. HALE,
Grand Lecturer and Auditor.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

In compliance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, your Finance Committee have carefully audited the books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and Librarian. We would fraternally report that the usual high quality of keeping accounts and vouchers have been followed out, all expenditures having signed vouchers to accompany them. The money has been properly disbursed, and we herewith present a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements.

THE NEW YORK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Brethren of Tuscan Lodge No. 44, Bottineau, North Dakota, and visitors, the former holding open-air meeting, by special dispensation, on July 24, 1906, on Park Island, in Lake Metigoshe, in Turtle Mountains. The degree of Master Mason was conferred upon three candidates, the officers of Westhope Lodge No. 74, N. D., taking charge of the work on one candidate. About 75 visitors were present from various lodges in the state. Lake Metigoshe is probably the most picturesque body of water in North Dakota, and is rich in Indian legends

RECEIPTS.

Balance last report, general fund		$9,052.66
Balance last report, Masonic Home fund		420.60
Charter fees, Westhope Lodge No. 74		30.00
Charter fees, Mohall Lodge No. 73		30.00
Dispensation fees, Bowbells Lodge		20.00
Dispensation fees, Velva Lodge		20.00
Dispensation fees, Corinthian Lodge		20.00
Dispensation fees, Buffalo Lodge		20.00
Membership outfits Nos. 73 and 74		12.60
Sale of Codes		5.00
Fine for delayed returns, Mackey Lodge No. 18, 1905		5.00
Grand Lodge fees, J W. Corry, Ionic No. 64		4.00
Grand Lodge dues and fees, 1906		5,974.50
Interest		220.00
Total		$15,834.36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and per diem, 1905		$1,015.50
Premiums Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary's bonds		35.00
Printing Proceedings 1905		225.92
Membership Registry		168.90
Grand Lecturer		109.80
Aprons, Grand Officers		28.75
Additions to Code		30.20
Book lists of regular lodges		40.95
Iron fence Grand Secretary's office		100.00
Grand Librarian's salary		200.00
Miscellaneous appropriations		1,870.00
Miscellaneous printing		58.36
Express, freight and postage		96.80
Engrossing charters		5.25
Furniture and fixtures		26.50
Miscellaneous contingent		604.01
Cash on hand, account Masonic Home fund	$645.60	
Balance in general fund	10,572.82	
		11,218.42
Total		$15,834.36

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Receipts:	
Balance from last report	$881.92
Library tax, 1906	539.90
Disbursements:	
Library books and binding	$1,025.75
Furniture and fixtures	139.78
Balance on hand	256.29
Total	$1,421.82

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Receipts:	
Balance from 1905	$420.60
Interest 1906	220.00
Fine	5.00
Total	$645.60
Balance on hand	$645.60

We find that the returns from Independence Lodge No. 59, of Leal, were not received within the statutory time, and is, therefore, subject to the usual fine for delinquency.

We also find that the fine imposed upon Minto Lodge No. 17 for delayed returns for 1905 has not been paid.

Your committee recommend that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	200.00
Printing Proceedings	400.00
Membership Registry	200.00
Contingent	800.00
Fraternal Correspondent	100.00
Binding Proceedings and book cases	200.00
Preliminary expense of Committee on Code Revision	25.00

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEO. GUTHRIE (3),
F. H. SPRAGUE (11),
ROBERT MORRISON (2),
CHARLES A. TUTTLE (37),
Committee

DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of Bro. George E. Duis (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of the Reports of Grand Officers submit the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to fraternal dead be referred to a Committee on Fraternal Dead.

2. That so much as refers to dispensations for new lodges be referred to a Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·.

3. That so much as refers to nominations for Grand Representatives does not need reference.

4. That so much as refers to Grand Lecturer and Auditor be referred to a committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor.

5. That so much as refers to the revision of the Code be referred to a committee on Code Revision.

6. That so much as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

7. That so much as refers to the relief of the brethren at California be referred to a special committee.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

8. The report of the Grand Treasurer, having already been audited by the Committee on Finance, does not need reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

9. That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the returns of chartered lodges be referred to a committee on Chartered Lodges.

10. That so much as refers to Grand Lecturer and Auditor, and his reports, be referred to the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor.

11. That so much as refers to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be referred to a committee on Fraternal Relations.

12. That so much as refers to certificate for members, and information relative to clandestine lodges, be referred to a committee on Grand Lodge Certificates.

13. That so much as refers to grievances and appeals be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

14. That so much as refers to finance does not need reference, the Committee on Finance having already audited the financial accounts of the Grand Secretary.

GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

15. That the report of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor be referred to the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Grand Auditor.

Fraternally,

GEO. E. DUIS (4),
FRANK J. KING (30),
W. H. THOMAS (67),
ANSON BARTLETT (8),
D. B. SHAW (9),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Mileage—Robert McBride (22), Jorgen Howard (10), John P. Holl (47), George H. Wichman (15), James C. Harper (49).

Fraternal Dead—Laurence G. Moultrie (7), George L. Paxman (35), W. Rhodes (11), Fred G. Kneeland (6), William H. Lackey (74).

Lodges U.·. D.·.—Walter L. Williamson (12), George A. Warner (27), Paul M. Paulson (19), Fred P. Mann (21), Onesimus B. Hayes (51).

Grand Lecturer and Auditor—Walter L. Lorshbough (20), Almond A. Woods (4), George W. Wasem (1).

Revision of Code—Frank J. Thompson (1), John F. Selby (10), Robert M. Carothers (4), George L. McGregor (6).

Relief of California Brethren—Oscar D. Purington (45), Louis A. Larson (33), William I. Irvine (53), Hugh McDowall (34), Charles Gillham (36).

Chartered Lodges—Anson Bartlett (8), John D. Winlaw (2), James W. Harvey (50), William C. Hagler (24), Frank C. Root (29).

Fraternal Relations—William Spriggs (4), Augustus P. Folsom (32), Frank A. Douglas (30), Lewis J. Ransier (40), George H. Soule (43).

Grand Lodge Certificates—Robert B. Cox (71), Thomas Hall (1), William H. McKee (70), Fred L. Ely (65), William V. Johns (63).

TIME FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

Carried.

The hour being 5 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

(Wednesday June 27, 1906.)

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m.

GREETINGS—FOLEY.

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram from Past Grand Master James W. Foley (5), which, on motion of R.'. W.'. Grant S. Hager (30) was ordered to be printed in the proceedings:

Bismarck, N. D., June 26, 1906.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, N. D.

Fraternal greetings to Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren: Peace, unity and harmony be with you all. The Supreme Architect directs, the worth Master Mason obeys, and the masonic Institution grows greater and nobler with the years.

J. W. FOLEY,

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made the following report, which, on motion of W.'. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead beg leave to submit the following report:

One by one we are called upon by the Master of men to deliver up our working tools; in youth, in the activities of business and public life, as the shadows of life's sunset lengthen toward the west, in tottering old age, the Supreme Omnipotence calls upon his workers, now this one, and now that one, and will not be denied. The great and good, the wealthy and poor, the wise and the ignorant,—all must die, and dying, leave behind them a record of their lives, be it good or be it evil.

From the masonic roster of our sister grand jurisdictions many eminent brethren have, during the past year, answered the dread summons of the Recording Angel. Thirty-one in all they number—men who in public and masonic life have been conspicuous for their sterling characters and pre-eminent in service of state and country. Their lives have not been vainly spent. We who are left to struggle on along life's highway may gather inspiration for the strife from their illustrious examples, and learn many lessons from their most honored records.

In voicing the sense of loss which this Grand Masonic Jurisdiction has sustained in the calling hence of its fraternal dead, we desire to note with particular grief the name of Bro. John J. Freeman, Past Grand Treasurer of Grand Lodge, 1894-95. The manner of his death was most tragic. Engaged in his daily avocation as proprietor of the Antlers Hotel, at Grand Forks, his health perfect, with the prospect of a long and honorable life before him, he was accidently killed by the unexpected starting of one of the elevators, that was undergoing repairs, which he was supervising. How true and strikingly solemn is the warning which comes home to us, "In the midst of life we are in death."

Bro. Freeman was but forty-eight years of age, a member of Dickinson Lodge No. 32, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., Columbia Chapter No. 11, R.·. A.·. M.·., Scottish Rite Bodies, Fargo, El Zagal Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Died Aug. 21, 1905, Grand Forks.

A sterling and large hearted man, an active and consistent Mason.

For him and all other of our fraternal dead in this Grand Jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge records its heartfelt love and fraternal affection.

Thus the dread Reaper performs his appointed task, garnering in for the celestial harvest those whom the Master-hand appoints.

Whatever our masonic labors may be, whether they be great or small, whether we be conspicuous in the councils of our brethren, or but humble workers and Craftsmen in the quarries of life, our inspiration to fidelity and to the fulfillment of our masonic duty may be and certainly is to be largely gathered from the examples of those who, in God's providence, have gone before us.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7),
GEORGE L. PAXMAN (35),
FRED G. KNEELAND (6),
W. RHODES (11),
WILLIAM H. LACKEY (74),
FRANK A. DOUGLAS (30),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON RELIEF CALIFORNIA BRETHREN.

The Committee on Relief of California Brethren made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Oscar D. Purinton (45), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on the Relief of California Brethren, report as follows:

That they have examined the circular letters sent out by the Grand Master on May 12th, and the correspondence with Past Grand Master,

Dr. A. B. Herrick, relating to the distress existing in California as a result of the earthquake last April, and realize that to relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent upon all persons, but more especially upon the masonic Fraternity; and that the action of the Grand Master in inquiring as to the situation in California, and in asking the particular lodges to make donations for the relief of the sufferers, be approved. And that the lodges contributing to the fund, and the lodges which sent donations direct to other parties, have but done the duty that is taught us all.

Fraternally submitted,

OSCAR D. PURINTON (45),
HUGH McDOWALL (34),
CHAS. H. GILLHAM (36),
WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),
LOUIS A. LARSON (33),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion, of W.·. Bro. Anson Bartlett (8), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Chartered Lodges beg leave to report that they have examined the returns of the chartered lodges, and find all to be in regular form.

Fraternally submitted,

ANSON BARTLETT (8),
FRANK C. ROOT (29),
WILLIAM C. HAGLER (24),
JAMES W. HARVEY (50),
JOHN D. WINLAW (2),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Willliam Spriggs (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to report as follows:

We cheerfully recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and that fraternal relations be entered into with said Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4),
AUGUSTUS P. FOLSOM (32),
GEORGE H. SOULE (43),
LEWIS J. RANSIER (40),
FRANK A. DOUGLAS (30),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATES OF LODGE MEMBERS.

The Committee on Certificates of Lodge Members made the following report, which, on the motion of W.·. Bro. Robert B. Cox (71), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Certificates of Lodge Members recommend that the Grand Secretary communicate with the several grand lodges in regard to the matter of lodge certificates.

And that inasmuch as the "List of Regular Lodges" is of such recent date, we recommend that none be purchased this year.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT B. COX (71),
WILLIAM H. MAKEE (70),
FRED L. ELY (65),
THOMAS HALL (1),
WILLIAM V. JOHNS (63).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

AURORA LODGE NO. 56.

The Committee on Grievances and appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. John McDonald (28), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

In the matter of appeal of a Bro. from the sentence of expulsion from Aurora Lodge No. 56, Carrington, your committee find:

The accused was charged with receiving money under false pretences.

The proceedings of Aurora Lodge were regular and in conformity with Masonic Law governing trials and proceedings.

By a vote of all the members present the Bro. was found guilty by a vote of 28 to 7.

Upon a vote being taken upon the question of punishment 19 voted for expulsion, 16 against.

The Worshipful Master thereupon declared the Bro. expelled.

Your committee recommend that this case be referred back to Aurora Lodge for a new trial, inasmuch as the vote for expulsion was not supported by a two-third vote of all members present, as required by Section 46, Masonic Code.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 46.

In the matter of appeal of Bro. ——— from the sentence of expulsion from Evergreen Lodge No. 46 at Minnewaukan, your committee find:

Criminal offense Charged. All proceedings were regular and in conformity with the Masonic Law.

Bro. ——————— was expelled by the legal vote of all members present. See Masonic Code, page 54, Chap. 4—Trials.

Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge concur in the expulsion of Bro. ——————.

JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (38),
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
CHARLES K. WING (38),
HERBERT J. JAMES (23),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Bro. Jorgen Howard (10), was adopted.

(For report, see Appendix immediately following closing.)

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor made the following report, it containing a recommendation for the appropriation of money, on motion of R.·. W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1), that part was referred to Finance Committee, and action deferred on whole report until the Finance Committee had made its report.

(For action of Grand Lodge, see pages 434-5).

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lecturer and Auditor, beg leave to report:

That we have examined the reports of such officer now on file in the office of the Grand Secretary and find:

That owing to the limited time devoted to the work the Grand Auditor was unable to cover the entire field, but that he visited 34 particular lodges and reported comprehensively on their condition, the reports particularly covering the following points:

First:—The financial condition of the Lodge, showing unpaid fees, if any, delinquent dues and dues unpaid for the current year and also showing resources and liabilities of the Lodge, together with other items of interest.

Second:—A report on the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, showing condition of the record books and books of account.

Third:—A report on the card system of membership records, showing whether same has been kept as required by the Grand Lodge by-laws, and if kept showing its condition on all important points.

Fourth:—Under a general heading showing if the Lodge is using the prescribed forms of dimits, petitions, etc., and if it has on hand and in good condition the Grand Lodge Proceedings, masonic code, List of Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, etc. Under this head is also shown the proficiency of the officers in ritualistic and monitorial work, the appointment of the lodge room, and facilities for properly doing the degree work.

Fifth:—A general summary in remarks by the Grand Auditor on the condition of the lodge, with recommendation for its betterment.

While your committee have attempted no general tabulation of information contained under these separate heads we observe, in going over the report, a number of matters which we deem advisable to call to the attention of the Grand Lodge, viz:

The reports show that several of the particular lodges have owing them sundry amounts in fees uncollected, while in nearly all instances there is a large amount of dues in arrears. In this connection, however, we wish to make a special mention of Euclid, No. 24, Sanborn No. 14, and Rolla No. 66, the books of which show that practically all dues, prior to the current year have been paid.

Another matter called to our attention by the reports is that there does not seem to be any regularity or conformity in the keeping, either the minutes, or the financial records of the particular lodges, and that in many of them the minutes are in very crude form, and indifferently kept.

In ten of the lodges visited we find the card system of membership records has been accurately kept, while in 24 lodges the system has been wholly, or in part abandoned. The difficulty seems to have been that the various secretaries have not investigated the card system sufficiently to become familiar with this branch of their work, and have considered it to be complicated and unnecessary.

In many of the lodges we find the treasurer keeps the lodge funds mixed with his own, thus rendering it impossible, in case of destruction of the books and records, to arrive even approximately at the amount of lodge funds in his hands.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your committee would recommend:

First—That a strict compliance with terms of By-Laws be required of all particular lodges and that no degree be conferred unless paid for in advance.

Second—That all lodges and the secretaries thereof be required to strictly comply with the terms of by-laws, and there be presented annually to the lodges as therein required a list of all delinquent members. It is clearly within the province and right of the particuar lodge to extend the time of payment of the dues of its members, but the matter should be presented and action taken thereon by the lodge, and not left to the discretion of the secretary.

Third—Looking to the gradual adoption of a uniform system of records and accounts, it is recommended that the Grand Auditor, Grand Secretary, and incoming Grand Master constitute a committee of three to adopt a uniform system of record and account books, and prescribe forms for keeping the same, and that as new books are required by the particular lodges they be of the style adopted and kept in the form perscribed. It is further recommended that a stock of books and blanks in the perscribed form be kept on sale by the Grand Secretary, and that hereafter all lodges be required to purchase books and supplies through his office. We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed a commission of 20% of the cost price of such blanks and books as compensation for the work required in procuring and handling the same, and that such amount be included in the price to be charged for such blanks and books. (Stricken out.)

Fourth—We recommend an appropriation of $500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the initial cost incurred in the purchase of such a stock of books and blanks as may be needed, and recommend that this section of our report be referred to the Finance Committee for action by them, that such an appropriation may be included in their report, if the financial condition of the Grand Lodge admits. (Stricken out.)

Fifth—It is recommended that all particular lodges be required to complete the card record system and to keep the same at all times complete and up to date. This system, heretofore adopted by the Grand Lodge, is an excellent one, and should not be allowed to lapse through carelessness or indifference, or much confusion will arise in the future. This matter should be particularly looked after by the Grand Auditor, and if lodges, after being warned by him, will not comply with this recom-

mendation, it would, in the opinion of your committee, be advisable at some future time to confer upon him such plenary powers as will enable him to exact compliance.

Sixth—We recommend that Treasurers of particular lodges be required to keep all lodge funds in separate accounts, and that when such funds are deposited in bank, they shall be deposited in the name of the Treasurer as such, but if the lodge be incorporated, then the lodge funds shall be kept in the name of the lodge.

Finally—Your committee cannot speak too highly of the work of Grand Auditor Hale. We believe that his visits are bound to result in much good to the lodges visited. We warmly commend this system of auditing and recommend its continuance. We hope that during the incoming year the Grand Auditor may get started at work in time to visit each particular lodge, and that through his advice and assistance such a uniformity may be brought about in the records, accounts and customs in particular lodges that the irregularities to which attention is herein called may be eliminated.

Fraternally submitted,
WALTER J. LORSHBOUGH (20),
GEORGE W. WASEM (1),
ALMOND L. WOODS (4),
Committee.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report. On motion of Clinton D. Lord (26), it was taken up seriatim. The report was then read and each section approved as read.

On motion of M.·. W.·. Robert M. Carothers (4), the report was adopted as a whole.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Jurisprudence desire to report on the decisions of the Grand Master, as follows:

That decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, be approved.

That decision No. 5 be modified to read as follows: No. A candidate under indictment, or under bonds, to appear for trial for violation of any of the penal statutes of the state is ineligible to be made a Mason. We disapprove that part of the decision which recommends the expunging from the records of the lodge all reference to the receiving of the petition and the election of the candidate. We believe the better practice is to correct the mistaken action by a reference to the ruling of the Grand Master entered on the minutes of the lodge.

Decision No. 6 is disapproved. We do not believe that one should be made a Mason over whom the courts of the state hold criminal juris-

diction by means of a suspended sentence. No one should be elected, initiated, passed or raised while under indictment or sentence, even tho the sentence be suspended.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN F. SELBY (10),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
THOMAS L. FOULKS (12),
W. L. STOCKWELL (11),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which, on motion of Walter L. Williamson (12), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. beg leave to report that they have examined the records of all lodges under dispensation, and find the same in form and in compliance with the usages of this Grand Lodge.

We presume that it is useless, yet your committee would draw the attention of the secretaries of Lodges U.·. D.·., to the necessity and the importance of carefully giving all data in reports. This is especially for the benefit of the Grand Secretary, and the proper recording of names in our Grand Lodge membership registry.

Your committee would recommend, that by some means, the importance of Lodges U.·. D.·. being represented at the Grand Communication at which charters are to issue be impressed upon the officers of these new lodges.

Your committee recommends that charters be granted to the following lodges under dispensation, and that they be given numbers in their proper order: Bowbells Lodge, Velva Lodge, Buffalo Lodge, Corinthian Lodge at Calvin.

Fraternally submitted,

W. L. WILLIAMSON (12),
GEORGE A. WARNER (27),
PAUL M. PAULSON (19),
FRED P. MANN (21),
ONESIMUS B. HAYES (51),
Committee.

ATTEMPT TO CHANGE HOUR OF CONVENING GRAND LODGE.

W.·. Bro. E. George Guthrie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was lost:

Be it resolved, That the time for opening the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge be set for 11 o'clock a. m., commencing with the annual session in 1907, at Grand Forks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour fixed for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers George W. Wasem (1) and David B. Shaw (9). The election proceeded with the following result:

Grant S. Hager (30).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·.W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord.....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson.....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

DONATION TO BRO. S. T. CONNICK.

W.·. Bro. Laurence G. Moultrie moved:

That the sum of $25.00 be given to Bro. Samuel T. Connick for services in guarding the outer door.

Carried.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL.

The Finance Committee made the following report, relative to appropriating funds for the purpose of printing and preparing a uniform system of records for particular lodges. The report, on motion of W.·. Bro. Alexander B. Taylor, was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor relating to the appropriation of $500.00 for the purchase of blank books for particular lodges, for uniform records, bookkeeping, etc., beg leave to report:

That as less than fifty per cent of the lodges have been visited during the year by the Grand Auditor, we would recommend that action be deferred until our next Annual Grand Communication, at which time the needs will be more definitely determined by the further visitations and observations of the Grand Auditor; until that time there seems to be no urgent necessity for making this appropriation.

Fraternally submitted,
ALEX. B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
ROBERT MORRISON (21),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
Committee.

REPORT—GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

The Committee on Finance having reported upon the matter which was referred to them out of the report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor as will be seen by the foregoing report, R.·. W.·. Bro. Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor be adopted, striking out the third and fourth recommendations.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved as an amendment.

That recommendation six be amended by striking out the words "in the name of the lodge or" and adding after the words "treasurer as such" the following: "but if the lodge be incorporated, then the lodge funds shall be kept in the name of the lodge."

The amendment prevailed, and the report was adopted as amended.

(The report appears on page 429 under caption Report—Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor, with recommendations third and fourth retained, but the sixth modified to comply with the amendment.)

MASONIC HOME.

M.·. W.·. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (11) brought up the matter of a Masonic Home, and the objects and benefits were discussed by Bro. Stockwell, Bro. Joseph Carhart (55), President of the Mayville Normal School, Bro. Thompson, Grand Secretary, and others.

Motions, amendments and substitutes were offered involving the question of whether the Grand Secretary should include in the proceedings of this Communication an article on Masonic Homes, or whether the Grand Orator should take it as a theme for his oration to be delivered at the next Annual Communication. The result was that the Grand Secretary should embody an article on the subject in the proceedings.

(P. S. The Grand Secretary finds that it would require two or three months to gather material for an article on Masonic Homes, thus delaying the issuing of the proceedings, so, with the consent of the Grand Master, has omitted it from the annual report of the Grand Lodge. If practicable the article will appear as a brochure later in the season.)

The hour being 12.15 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2.00 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour being 2.00 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

The Committee on Codification of the Laws of the Grand Lodge, appointed by the Grand Master before the Annual Communication, made the following report. The Grand Secretary then read the By-Laws and Resolutions as amended, and on his motion, the report of the Committee, and the By-Laws and Resolutions as amended, were adopted by a unanimous vote.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your special committee on the revision of the Grand Lodge By-Laws met in the office of the Grand Secretary prior to the present communication, and examined the revised copy for the proposed new edition of such By-Laws and Resolutions, and recommend the adoption of the same as herewith presented. We also recommend the printing of an edition of

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TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

Grand Lodge Officers and Delegates in front of Masonic Temple, Fargo, N. D., June, 1906. Grand Master L. A. Jacobson, center, silk hat. At left of Jacobson looking at picture, Grant S. Hager, now Grand Master. At left of Hager, Sylvester J. Hill, Senior Grand Warden. Next to Grand Master Jacobson, on right, John Riessbeck, now Deputy Grand Master. Underneath left-hand corner of right-hand balcony, one row back, Halfdan Bendeke, Junior Grand Warden. At the left of right-hand pillar, in rear, Clinton D. Lord, Grand Treasurer. The Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, is among those seated, head turned to left, holding hat. To his right, Robert M. Carothers, P. G.·. M.·., Fraternal Correspondent. To left of Grand Secretary, Walter L. Stockwell, P.·. G.·. M.·., Grand Orator and State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In left part of group, first standing row, wearing Past Grand Master's apron, is George L. McGregor, P.·. G.·. M.·. The rest you know.

five hundred copies; that the Grand Secretary codify and publish the same, with decisions and other matter, at the expense of this Grand Lodge, such expense to be paid upon proper warrant.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
JOHN F. SELBY (10),
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4),
Committee.

M.·.W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4) moved:

That the Grand Secretary be allowed $100.00 for codifying and preparing the laws for the new edition.

Carried.

INSTALLATION—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master-elect announced his appointive officers and standing committees. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then appointed M.·. W.·. Bro. Robert M. Carothers (4), as Marshall and the following officers were then duly installed:

OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

Grant S. Hager (30).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, St. Thomas
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Dickinson
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Fargo
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Grand Forks
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

APPOINTED.

Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Walter I. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator, Grafton
Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, Wahpeton
Robert Morrison (2).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Pembina
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, address, Fargo
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Sheldon
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Lisbon
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Carrington
Edward A. Crokat (33).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Minot
Thomas Sims (40).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Bottineau
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Forks

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence Committee—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope.

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount; William H. Thomas (67), Leeds.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; Herbert J. James (23), Bathgate.

APPRECIATION—RETIRNG GRAND MASTER.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Halfdan Bendeke (4) moved:

That by a rising vote this Grand Lodge evince its appreciation of the high standards, both as a man and as a Mason, which have marked our retiring Grand Master, Louis A. Jacobson, during all the years he has been with us.

Carried unanimously.

THANKS GENERALLY.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Charles A. Boyden (12) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the brethren of Shiloh No. 1, of Fargo, the citizens of this city, and to the railroads, for the courtesies extended during this Grand Communication, and through which the pleasures of the past few days have been enhanced.

Carried.

EPISODES.

On Tuesday evening the Master's degree was conferred in the Temple, with all the accessories of the large auditorium. Special orchestral music was prepared for the occasion by Bro. Lon Rupert, and rendered by an orchestra composed of brother Masons. Gerhard H. Krogh was the candidate, a young man of sterling worth, and born in Fargo.

After the close of the Grand Lodge Wednesday afternoon, the members and their friends enjoyed a trolly party, and an hour at the Bijou. In the evening a play was presented in the auditorium for their entertainment by the Agricultural College Dramatic Club.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Grant S. Hager (30), closed the Seventeenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form, at 3.45 p. m., Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Grand Master.

Attest:

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

No. 1—Credentials.
No. 2—Mileage and Per Diem.
No. 3—Suspensions and Expulsions.
No. 4—Lodges, Locations, Officers, Time of Meeting.
No. 5—Synopsis of Lodge Returns.
No. 6—Places Grand Lodge Meetings and Yearly Membership.
No. 7—List Elective Grand Officers.
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No. 9—Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.
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REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee on Credentials reports as follows:

We find the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, members of Standing Committees, and Representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Louis A. Jacobson (27),.....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Grant S. Hager (30),.....R.·. W.·. Dep. Grand Master
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Sylvester J. Hill (1),.....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26),.....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1),.....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
Laurence G. Moultrie (7),.....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Walter L. Stockwell (11),.....W.·. Grand Orator
Halfdan Bendeke (4),.....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
Joseph M. Stewart (55).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
James L. Green (39),.....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Grand Marshal
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
Frank A. Cousins (56),.....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Edward A. Crokat (33).....W.·. Grand Tyler
Robert M. Carothers (4),.....Fraternal Correspondent
Clarence A. Hale (4),.....Grand Lecturer and Auditor

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
John F. Selby (10).....Past Grand Master
George L. McGregor (6),.....Past Grand Master
Robert M. Carothers (4),.....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Thomas L. Foulks (12).....Past Grand Master
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James T. Blacklock (35).....Past Grand Master
George A. Luce (27).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer
Charles E. Boyden (12).....Past Grand Treasurer Dakota Territory

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H.

Keyes (13), Ellendale; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla.

Finance—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Robert Morrison (2), Pembina; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Charles A. Tuttle (37), Fairmount.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; Herbert J. James (23), Bathgate.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Grand Lecturer and Auditor—Walter J. Lorshbough, (20), Page; George W. Wasem (1), Fargo; Almond L. Woods (4), Grand Forks.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....Thomas Hall, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*.
James McGuigan, J.·. W.·.
Pembina No. 2.....John D. Winlaw**
Casselton No. 3.....Stephen Bartlett, W.·. M.·.
Morris G. Straus, S.·. W.·.
Douglas S. Smith, J.·. W.·.
Acacia No. 4.....George W. Duis, J.·. W.·. W.·. M.·.*
William Spriggs, S.·. W.·.**
Bismarck No. 5.....Not represented.
Jamestown No. 6.....Fred G. Kneeland, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
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Laurence G. Moultrie, S.·. W.·.**, J.·. W.·.**
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Ellendale No. 13 .....George H. Keyes**
Sanborn No. 14.....William O. Greene, W.·. M.·.
Daniel F. Seigfried, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Wahpeton No. 15.....George H. Wichman, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.,*
S.·. W.·.*
North Star No. 16.....George W. Mowris, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
William C. Ghering, S.·. W.·.
Minto No. 17.....Not represented.
Mackey No. 18.....Not represented.
Goose River No. 19.....Paul M. Paulson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*

Hiram No. 20.....Eben Q. Carver, W.·. M.·.**, S.·. W.·.**
Walter E. Carver, J.·. W.·.**
Minnewaukan No. 21.....Fred P. Mann, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Tongue River No. 22....Robert McBride, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Bathgate No. 23.....Isaac J. Foster, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Euclid No. 24.....William C. Hagler, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Anchor No. 25.....Henry K. Pennington**
Golden Valley No. 26....William E. Hoover, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Occidental No. 27.....George A. Warner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
John J. Wamberg, J.·. W.·.
Forest River No. 28.....John McDonald**
Hope No. 29.....Frank C. Root, W.·. M.·.
Edward W. Bittman, S.·. W.·.
William N. Bateman, J.·. W.·.
Temple No. 30.....Frank A. Douglas, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Frank J. King, J.·. W.·.
Golden Fleece No. 31.....Not represented.
Dickinson No. 32.....Augustus P. Folsom**
Star in West No. 33.....Louis A. Larson, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Lebanon No. 34.....Hugh McDowall, W.·. M.·.
William Flack, S.·. W.·.**
Thomas Ullyott, J.·. W.·.**
Hamilton No. 35.....George L. Paxman, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
J.·. W.·.*
St. Johns No. 36.....Charles W. Gillham**
Fairmount No. 37.....Elmer W. Wetherbee, W.·. M.·.**
Thomas Jacobson, S.·. W.·.
Archie Blake, J.·. W.·.
Crystal No. 38.....Martin Kratt**
Mizpah No. 39.....James L. Green, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Charles A. Gram, S.·. W.·.
Cando No. 40.....Lewis J. Ransier**
Maple River No. 41.....Fred B. Oakley, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Reynolds No. 42.....Not represented.
Mouse River No. 43.....George H. Soule, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Tuscan No. 44.....Irving R. Barkway**
Northern Light No. 45...Oscar D. Purinton, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Alexander Curry, S.·. W.·.**
Evergreen No. 46.....Not represented.
Willow No. 47.....John P. Holl, W.·. M.·.
Anton Svensrud, S.·. W.·.
Thomas I. Bowerman, J.·. W.·.
Milton No. 48.....Samuel O. Tollefson, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Liberty No. 49.....James C. Harper, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*

Walhalla No. 50.....James W. Harvey, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
George McConnachie, J.·. W.·.
Mt. Moriah No. 51.....Onesimus B. Hayes, W.·. M.·.
Joseph Wegley, S.·. W.·.*; J.·. W.·.*
Fidelity No. 52.....John R. Hogg, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Harmony No. 53.....William I. Irvine**
Welcome No. 54.....Not represented.
Dacotah No. 55.....Willis E. White, W.·. M.·.
George N. Tausan, S.·. W.·.
Joseph Carhart, J.·. W.·.
Aurora No. 56.....Louis K. Estabrook, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Charles E. Tillson, S.·. W.·.*
Hankinson No. 57.....Hans A. Alm, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Khurum No. 58.....John P. Reiton, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Independence No. 59....John Lamb, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Century No. 60.....William E. Radtke, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
George M. Pike, J.·. W.·.
Devotion No. 61.....Rolla E. Persons, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Hunter No. 62.....Clyde W. Gamble, S.·. W.·. W.·. M.·.* J.·. W.·.*
Dickey No. 63.....William V. Johns, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Charles A. Searle, S.·. W.·.
Ionic No. 64.....Duncan McLean, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Rugby No. 65.....Fred L. Ely, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Rolla No. 66.....Courtland R. Gailfus, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
John E. Brown, J.·. W.·.**
Leeds No. 67.....Edward F. Jones, W.·. M.·.
William H. Thomas, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Prudence No. 68.....Frank Ashley, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Ashlar No. 69.....Charles O. Piatt**
Kenmare No. 70.....William H. Makee, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Wimbledon No. 71.....Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·.W.·.*
Berthold No. 72.....Not represented.
Mohall No. 73.....Not represented.
Westhope No. 74.....William H. Lackey, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Bowbells U.·. D.·.....Not represented.
Velva U.·. D.·.....Milo J. Pitkin, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Buffalo U.·. D.·.....James A. McHattie, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Tjebbe J. Raveling, S.·. W.·.
Corinthian U.·. D.·.....Charles C. Crawford**

*An officer and proxy for Master or Wardens.

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5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4.65	4.00	8.65	F. G. Kneeland.
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41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	F. B. Oakley.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	G. H. Soule.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	I. R. Barkway.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5.30	4.00	9.3 0	O. D. Purinton.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	198	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	J. P. Holl.
48	Milton	Milton	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	S. O. Tollefson.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2.50	4.00	6.50	Chk. mailed by G. T. to Rep.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J. W. Harvey.
51	Mount Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	O. B. Hayes.
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54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	186	.....	.....	.....	.....
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36	St. Johns	Forest River	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	C. W. Gillham.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3.05	4.00	7.05	Chk. mailed by G. T. to Rep.
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	Martin Kratt.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	Cando	Cando	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	L. J. Ransier.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	F. B. Oakley.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	G. H. Soule.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	I. R. Barkway.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5.30	4.00	9.3 0	O. D. Purinton.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	198	.....	.....	.....	.....
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	J. P. Holl.
48	Milton	Milton	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	S. O. Tollefson.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2.50	4.00	6.50	Chk. mailed by G. T. to Rep.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J. W. Harvey.
51	Mount Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	O. B. Hayes.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	132	6.60	4.00	10.60	J. R. Hogg.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	W. I. Irvine.
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	136	.....	.....	.....	.....
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	W. E. White.
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	L. K. Estabrook.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	H. A. Alm.
58	Khurum	Harvey	103	5.15	4.00	9.15	J. P. Reiton.

SUSPENDED, N. P. D.

CASSELTON LODGE NO. 3.

Powers, Charles L.
South, Elmer E.
Signor, Elmer L.
Savage, Fredrick E.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

Burke, Edward T.
Clarke, David W.
Gollay, Robert H.
Walker, Charles S.
Benson, Louis E.
Girard, Philip.
Goodman, William.
Young, Charles B.

HILLSBORO LODGE NO. 10,

Morgan, Charles W.
Wheelon, Frank W.
Bates, George F.
Larson Anton
Rogers, Alexander
Wheelon, Samuel W.

ELLENDALE LODGE NO. 13.

Barton, Thomas H.

WAHPETON LODGE NO. 15.

Sowles, Henry S.

MINNEWAUKAN LODGE NO. 21.

Astleford, Abram
Baughman, John O.
Horseman, Arthur T.
Lonnevik, Thomas
Nimmo, Archie
Springer, Charles H.
Alair, Edmund E.
Brown, William H.
Jones, Earnest P.
Moore, Levi P.
Pitts, William R.
Stewart, James A.
Watt, James E.

TONGUE RIVER LODGE NO. 22.

Grow, Thomas B.
Kerr, John
Pratt, Herbert E.
Coleman, Herbert T.
McDonald, Neil G.
Walsted, Iver G.

BATHGATE LODGE NO. 23.

Bell, Alexander G.
Grandy, Robert
Crawford, William H.
Otten, William H.

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 26.

Hohen, William G.
Cameron, Steven

HOPE LODGE NO. 29.

Crocker, Edwin P.
Faus, Thomas H.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 30.

Dill, George W.
Holbrook, William

LEBANON LODGE NO. 34.

McEwen, Neil

CRYSTAL LODGE NO. 38.

Gudmundson, Sigurdur

REYNOLDS LODGE NO. 42.

Hostetter, Melvin V.
McWilliams, W. H.
Mullandore, Mirion Grant

TUSCAN LODGE NO. 44.

Davis, John A.
Nichol, Robert

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE NO. 45.

Stewart, Alexander B.

WELCOME LODGE NO. 54.

Beatty, Joseph L.

HUNTER LODGE NO. 62.

Runions, Adam G.

DICKEY LODGE NO. 63.

May, William

RUGBY LODGE NO. 65.

Tyler, Frank L.
Reiton, Andrew S.

ROLLA LODGE NO. 66.

McDougall, Peter

EXPELLED.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 46.

Hall, Henry W.

AURORA LODGE NO. 56.

Lewis, Cavactacus D. N.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1906, SHOWING LOCATION OF LODGES, ADDRESSES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, ETC.

	Lodge.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	P. O. Address.	County.	Time of Stated Meetings.
1	Shiloh	Melvin S. Mayo	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo	Cass	2nd Friday.
2	Pembina	Frank C. Warner	Eugene D. Booker	Pembina	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays.
3	Casselton	Stephen B. Bartlett	H. John Rowe	Casselton	Cass	2nd and 4th Fridays.
4	Acacia	Clarence A. Hale	Ingvald A. Berg	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Fridays.
5	Bismarck	F. Geo. Dullam	Burt Finney	Bismarck	Burleigh	1st and 3rd Mondays.
6	Jamestown	Charles C. Schmidt	Hugh Hall	Jamestown	Stutsman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
7	Valley City	Rew T. Healy	Laurence G. Moultrie	Valley City	Barnes	1st Friday.
8	Mandan	George R. Leonard	Arthur H. Peterson	Mandan	Morton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
9	Cereal	David B. Shaw	Harry H. Roberts	Tower City	Cass	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
10	Hillsboro	Jorgen Howard	John T. Kiland	Hillsboro	Traill	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
11	Crescent	De Witt C. Moore	Benjamin A. Provoost	Grafton	Walsh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
12	Sheyenne Vall'y	Alfred M. Kvello	George W. Ferguson	Lisbon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
13	Ellendale	Frank M. Walton	Herbert C. Peck	Ellendale	Dickey	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
14	Sanborn	William O. Green	John E. Vernon	Sanborn	Barnes	1st and 3rd Mondays.
15	Wahpeton	Charles W. McKay	Walter L. Carter	Wahpeton	Richland	2nd and 4th Fridays.
16	North Star	George W. Mowris	J. Dexter Peirce	Larimore	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
17	Minto	Winthrop S. Mitchell	Samuel D. Thomson	Minto	Walsh	1st and 3rd Fridays.
18	Mackey	Detrich Suemper	Willard Proctor	La Moure	La Moure	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
19	Goose River	Paul M. Paulson	Orville D. Patterson	Portland	Traill	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
20	Hiram	Albert Smith	Walter E. Carver	Page	Cass	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
21	Minnewaukan	Fred. P. Mann	Albert H. Bell	Devils Lake	Ramsey	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
22	Tongue River	Edward H. Busse	J. K. Fairchild	Cavalier	Pembina	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
23	Bathgate	Isaac J. Foster	William Steele	Bathgate	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
24	Euclid	William C. Hagler	Benjamin S. Estes	Lakota	Nelson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
25	Anchor	Charles A. Long	Henry K. Pennington	Milnor	Sargent	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
26	Golden Valley	William E. Hoover	E. Reeve Claxton	Park River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
27	Occidental	George A. Warner	George A. Fead	Hope	Steele	2nd and 4th Fridays.
28	Forest River	Victor E. Bemis	Edwin Church	Inkster	Grand Forks	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
29	Hope	Frank C. Root	Halley V. Hicks	Oakes	Dickey	1st and 3rd Mondays.
30	Temple	Thomas A. Miller	Charles H. Curtis	St. Thomas	Pembina	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
31	Golden Fleece	Anson M. Simpson	Ray L. Himebaugh	Forman	Sargent	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
32	Dickinson	John F. Davis	Augustus P. Folsom	Dickinson	Stark	2nd and 4th Fridays.
33	Star in the West	Charles F. Truax	Johan W. Samuelson	Minot	Ward	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
34	Lebanon	Hugh McDowall	Robert Work	Langdon	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Fridays.
35	Hamilton	George L. Paxman	John F. Kippen	Hamilton	Pembina	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
36	St. Johns	Marshal D. Miller	James H. Scott	Forest River	Walsh	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
37	Fairmount	Newton H. Greenman	Elmer W. Wetherbee	Fairmount	Richland	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
38	Crystal	John McIver	John F. Appleton	Crystal	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays.
39	Mizpah	James L. Green	Martin L. Hudnall	Sheldon	Ransom	1st and 3rd Thursdays.

40	Cando	Charles H. Canfield	George B. Denison	Cando	Towner	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
41	Maple River	Fred B. Oakley	Charles Gunthorp	Edgeley	La Moure	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
42	Reynolds	Isaac W. Corry	John E. Olson	Reynolds	Traill	2nd and 4th Mondays.
43	Mouse River	George H. Soule	Evert C. Stevens	Towner	McHenry	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
44	Tuscan	Alex. G. Burr	Thomas Sims	Bottineau	Bottineau	2nd and 4th Fridays.
45	Northern Light	Oscar D. Purinton	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown	Griggs	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
46	Evergreen	Abram Lent	Alfred Dresser	Minnewaukan	Benson	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
47	Willow	John P. Holl	John A. Viets	Willow City	Bottineau	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
48	Milton	Frank Briggs	John McCarthy	Milton	Cavalier	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
49	Liberty	James C. Harper	E. F. Peterson	Enderlin	Ransom	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
50	Walhalla	James W. Harvey	Robert B. Cunningham	Walhalla	Pembina	1st and 3rd Fridays.
51	Mount Morian	Onesimus B. Hayes	Erasmus M. Atterberry	Williston	Williams	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
52	Fidelity	John R. Hogg	Thomas F. Newans	Drayton	Pembina	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
53	Harmony	John H. Movius	Edward L. McCutheon	Lidgerwood	Richland	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
54	Welcome	George C. Chambers	Joseph G. Nichol	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
55	Dacotah	Willis E. White	Clyde R. Travis	Mayville	Traill	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
56	Aurora	Lewis K. Estabrook	Robert A. Bill	Carrington	Foster	Tues. on or before full moon, each month.
57	Hankinson	Hans A. Alm	Gilbert P. Armstrong	Hankinson	Richland	1st and 3rd Fridays.
58	Khurum	Herbert J. Bardell	Robert M. McLean	Gilby	Grand Forks	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
59	Independence	John H. Lamb	John W. Hillborn	Leal	Barnes	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
60	Century	William C. Dresser	Paul J. Braman	New Rockford	Eddy	1st and 3rd Mondays.
61	Devotion	Aaron Singer	Morris H. Aved	Harvey	Wells	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
62	Hunter	Willis H. Rogers	Samuel H. Adams	Hunter	Cass	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
63	Dickey	William V. Johns	John A. May	Dickey	La Moure	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
64	Ionic	Duncan McLean	Thomas H. Prior	Hannah	Cavalier	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
65	Rugby	Fred L. Ely	Charles B. Hughes	Rugby	Pierce	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
66	Rolla	Courtland R. Gallfus	Guido Widmeyer	Rolla	Rolette	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
67	Leeds	Edward F. Jones	James B. Coolidge	Leeds	Benson	2nd and 4th Mondays.
68	Prudence	Horace L. Saylor	Harold E. Shearn	Cogswell	Sargent	1st and 3rd Mondays.
69	Ashlar	William W. Horton	William F. Clark	Granville	McHenry	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
70	Kenmare	William H. Makee	Henry I. Wilson	Kenmare	Ward	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
71	Wimbledon	Robert B. Cox	William O. Joos	Wimbledon	Barnes	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
72	Berthold	Charles E. Butler	Walter E. Krick	Berthold	Ward	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
73	Mohall	Charles Lano	Herbert H. Steele	Mohall	Ward	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
74	Westhope	William H. Lackey	V. Ormsby Soule	Westhope	Bottineau	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
75	Bowbells	Leander C. Rogers	Charles F. Randall	Bowbells	Ward	1st & 3rd Tuesday
76	Velva	Milo J. Pitkin	Albert Dickinson	Velva	McHenry	1st & 3rd Friday
77	Buffalo	James A. McHattie	George E. Bateman	Buffalo	Cass	2nd & 4th Wednesday
78	Corinthian	Frank J. Hodgins	Charles C. Crawford	Calvin	Cavalier	1st & 3rd Monday

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES, APRIL 30, 1906.

Number.	Name.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Reinstated.	Died.	Dimitted.	Susp. N. P. D.	Expelled.	Increase.	Decrease.	Membership.	Dues and Fees Paid.
1	Shiloh	28	27	20	16	1	5	12	..	.	37	17	504	472.25
2	Pembina	3	3	1	...	..	1	3	..	.	1	4	54	46.75
3	Casselton	6	8	5	...	..	..	3	4	.	5	7	112	106.00
4	Acacia	19	18	15	5	..	3	10	..	.	20	13	249	254.25
5	Bismarck	9	5	3	6	1	..	8	..	.	10	8	82	87.50
6	Jamestown	16	12	11	3	2	1	5	..	.	16	6	142	144.75
7	Valley City	12	5	3	4	1	..	4	8	.	8	12	121	114.50
8	Mandan	3	6	6	2	.	..	3	..	.	8	3	92	87.75
9	Cereal	7	5	4	...	..	1	6	..	.	4	7	50	53.50
10	Hillsboro	7	10	10	...	3	..	2	6	.	13	8	106	104.75
11	Crescent	3	5	4	1	..	..	2	..	.	5	2	97	85.50
12	Sheyenne Valley	11	10	6	7	2	..	3	..	.	15	3	90	93.00
13	Ellendale	4	3	2	1	..	2	6	1	.	3	9	78	66.75
14	Sanborn	9	6	6	1	..	1	4	..	.	8	5	50	64.50
15	Wahpeton	8	8	10	1	..	1	7	1	.	11	9	65	74.75
16	North Star	9	7	8	...	..	1	4	..	.	8	5	108	112.75
17	Minto	4	4	3	...	1	..	1	..	.	4	1	47	44.00
18	Mackey	1	.	.	...	..	..	1	..	.	...	1	40	31.00
19	Goose River	...	2	2	...	..	..	2	..	.	2	2	29	25.75
20	Hiram	2	1	1	...	..	..	1	..	.	1	1	68	54.50
21	Minnewaukan	15	23	22	5	1	2	2	14	.	28	18	154	189.00
22	Tongue River	3	3	3	...	1	..	4	6	.	4	10	53	46.50
23	Bathgate	6	5	4	...	..	..	4	4	.	4	8	80	75.00
24	Euclid	4	5	5	1	..	2	2	..	.	6	4	57	60.75
25	Anchor	2	...	...	...	..	1	3	..	.	...	4	29	24.75
26	Golden Valley	2	1	2	...	..	2	2	2	.	2	6	74	61.00
27	Occidental	11	7	10	2	..	1	4	..	.	12	5	121	118.00
28	Forest River	5	3	7	...	..	..	3	..	.	7	3	71	66.75
29	Hope	6	4	5	2	..	..	2	2	.	7	4	53	54.75
30	Temple	1	1	1	...	..	1	2	2	.	1	5	55	45.25
31	Golden Fleece	5	6	6	...	..	1	1	..	.	6	2	43	45.75
32	Dickinson	16	18	15	2	..	2	3	..	.	18	5	124	140.25
33	Star in the West	16	12	14	15	..	..	7	..	.	29	7	90	109.50
34	Lebanon	15	15	19	1	..	..	8	1	.	20	9	181	184.75
35	Hamilton	2	2	1	2	1	..	1	..	.	4	1	41	35.75
36	St. Johns	.	1	1	...	..	1	2	..	.	1	3	35	27.75
37	Fairmount	4	4	5	...	..	..	...	..	.	5	...	45	46.75
38	Crystal	...	...	...	...	..	..	6	1	.	...	7	26	19.50
39	Mizpah	12	11	11	3	..	..	1	..	.	14	1	66	82.75
40	Cando	9	6	4	1	..	..	1	..	.	5	1	80	83.00
41	Maple River	6	5	8	2	..	..	1	..	.	10	1	53	62.75
42	Reynolds	2	2	1	...	..	..	1	3	.	1	4	38	33.50
43	Mouse River	4	...	...	1	..	..	3	..	.	1	3	43	40.25
44	Tuscan	24	24	22	2	..	..	1	2	.	24	3	100	169.00
45	Northern Light	9	8	8	3	..	..	...	1	.	11	1	84	92.50
46	Evergreen	10	12	12	...	..	..	5	..	1	12	6	89	93.25
47	Willow	5	4	3	2	..	..	7	..	.	5	7	65	65.00
48	Milton	10	6	2	...	..	1	3	..	.	2	4	49	54.75
49	Liberty	8	11	11	1	..	..	8	..	.	12	8	71	82.50
50	Walhalla	1	1	3	...	..	..	2	..	.	3	2	60	50.00
51	Mt. Moriah	5	5	3	5	..	1	...	..	.	8	1	51	56.25
52	Fidelity	4	7	6	...	..	1	3	..	.	6	4	34	46.50
53	Harmony	4	9	7	...	..	1	3	..	.	7	4	67	70.25
54	Welcome	3	3	1	...	..	..	3	1	.	1	4	26	26.00
55	Dacotah	5	4	4	2	..	..	3	..	.	6	3	37	41.50
56	Aurora	12	12	11	1	..	1	...	..	1	12	2	75	97.25
57	Hankinson	8	5	7	...	..	..	2	..	.	7	2	57	62.75
58	Khurum	2	1	...	...	..	..	...	..	.	1	...	31	28.25
59	Independence	6	6	4	...	..	..	...	..	.	4	...	28	40.25
60	Century	8	12	15	1	..	..	2	..	.	16	2	76	92.50
61	Devotion	9	4	4	3	..	..	4	..	.	7	4	62	68.50
62	Hunter	4	3	3	2	..	..	...	1	.	5	1	27	32.25
63	Dickey	8	8	7	...	..	..	...	..	1	7	1	36	50.00
64	Ionic	9	7	7	...	..	1	11	..	.	7	12	63	70.25
65	Rugby	16	10	8	8	..	..	2	2	.	16	4	64	97.00
66	Rolla	26	25	19	1	..	..	4	1	.	20	5	84	135.50
67	Leeds	7	5	3	...	..	1	2	..	.	3	3	35	48.25
68	Prudence	...	...	1	...	..	..	...	..	.	1	...	28	22.00
69	Ashlar	8	8	8	...	..	..	6	..	.	8	6	55	65.25
70	Kenmare	11	4	9	2	..	..	2	..	.	2	2	50	72.50
71	Wimbledon	6	4	4	...	..	..	...	..	.	4	...	36	45.00
72	Berthold	7	3	2	...	..	..	4	..	.	2	4	28	37.50
73	Mohall	19	11	6	2	..	..	2	..	.	8	2	32	58.50
74	Westhope	18	13	16	5	1	..	...	..	.	22	...	48	101.00
U. D.	Bowbells	4	4	2	2	..	..	...	..	.	4	...	24	14.00
U. D.	Velva	8	3	2	2	..	..	...	..	.	4	...	28	13.00
U. D.	Buffalo	13	12	12	...	..	..	...	..	.	12	...	32	44.00
U. D.	Corinthian	23	20	10	3	..	..	...	..	.	13	...	39	53.00
	Total	627	553	506	131	17	34	231	64	2	654	331	5,567	$5,974.50

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP DATA—GRAND LODGES DAKOTA TERRITORY AND NORTH DAKOTA.

Place of Meeting.	Date.	No. of Lodges.	Membership.
Dakota Territory:			
Elk Point	June 22-23, 1875	5	.....
Yankton	June 13-14, 1876	6	239
Yankton	June 12-13, 1877	6	254
Sioux Falls	June 11-12, 1878	7	281
Yankton	June 10-11, 1879	11	404
Yankton	June 8-9, 1880	16	541
Sioux Falls	June 14-15, 1881	23	723
Watertown	June 13-14, 1882	32	1157
Rapid City	June 12-13, 1883	50	1533
Aberdeen	June 10-11, 1884	61	2026
Fargo	June 9-10, 1885	79	2644
Bismarck	June 8-9, 1886	89	3154
Huron	June 14-15, 1887	94	3594
Deadwood	June 12-13, 1888	102	4088
Mitchell	June 11-12, 1889	107	4595
North Dakota:			
*Mitchell, S. D.	June 12-13, 1889	31	1322
Grand Forks	June 17-18, 1890	33	1464
Fargo	June 16-17, 1891	34	1594
Grand Forks	June 28-29, 1892	35	1732
Devils Lake	June 13-14, 1893	41	1972
Valley City	June 12-13, 1894	44	2172
Fargo	June 18-19, 1895	44	2312
Fargo	June 9-10, 1896	46	2535
Fargo	June 8-9, 1897	48	2702
Fargo	June 21-22, 1898	50	2871
Fargo	June 20-21, 1899	55	3169
Fargo	June 19-20, 1900	62	3492
Fargo	June 18-19, 1901	65	3742
Fargo	June 24-25, 1902	66	3998
Fargo	June 23-24, 1903	67	4397
Fargo	June 28-29, 1904	72	4847
Grand Forks	June 27-28, 1905	74	5153
Fargo	June 26-27, 1906	78	5567

*Prior to meeting of Grand Lodge, the Territory had been divided into two states, North and South Dakota. At the meeting of the territorial Grand Lodge, 1889, the lodges of the North withdrew and formed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the two Grand Lodges being in session at the same time in adjoining rooms.

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

YEAR	GRAND MASTER.	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR. WARDEN.	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan	C. T. McCoy
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk§	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell**	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist	Thomas J. Wilder*	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day	C. T. McCoy
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West**§	John Davidson*	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder*	C. T. McCoy
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	Henry H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy
1884	John F. Shrader	William Blatt	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy
1885	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden	C. T. McCoy
1886	William Blatt	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes§**	Edward G. Benke	C. T. McCoy
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes§**	Theodore D. Kanouse	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy
1889	James W. Cloes (6)	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Chas. E. Jackson§ (2)	David S. Dodds* (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (8)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (8)
1892	Albert B. Herricks§ (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliott C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman* (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins§ (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch§ (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival (21)§	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel§ (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)§	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott (29)§	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1904	James W. Foley (5)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1905	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1906	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Reissbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

* Deceased. § Left the jurisdiction. ** With North Dakota.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
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Belgium	Thomas Sims	Bottineau.
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Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Grand Forks.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	Dennis W. Coleman	Ellendale.
Egypt	Robert L. Kenney	Mayville.
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece		
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	Elisha B. Page	Leeds.
*Massachusetts		
Mexico	Herbert W. Kiff	Tower City.
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo.
Minnesota	William H. Campbell	Kenmare.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	George A. Luce	Hope.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Jamestown.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grafton.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	George Taylor	Bathgate.
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
Porto Rico	James L. Green	Sheldon.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Queensland	William E. Hoover	Fargo.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke	Grand Forks.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	William J. Milligan	Hope.
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	Eben Q. Carver	Page.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
*Wyoming		

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGES OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
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British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
*California		
Canada	John S. Dewar	London, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. De Long	Grand Junction.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince.	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Charles C. Hunter	Havana.
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
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Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece		
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St
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Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
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*Kentucky		
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Maine	Elbridge G. Heath	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
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*Massachusetts		
Mexico, Valle de	R. N. Penny	Mexico City, Calle de la Plaz 618.
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Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
Missisippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point.
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Montana	EdwardD. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
New Brunswick	[illegible] Johnson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	William D. Rutan	Newark.
New Mexico		
New York	Donald Gow	New York, 162 W. 21st St.
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Carman S. Marshall	Bridgewater.
New Zealand	Thomas Ross	Dunedin.

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Ohio	P. H. Boynton.....	Elyria.
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Prince Edward Island..	Ambrose L. Brown....	Charlottetown.
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Tennessee	C. V. Taylor.....	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell.....	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves....	Salt Lake City.
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Virginia	J. E. Sebrell.....	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford.....	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	Frederick J. West.....	Menzies.
West Virginia.....	Michael Emsheimer....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Alexander Meggett.....	Eau Claire.
*Wyoming	....	

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Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
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Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria, Columbia.
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Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford.
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington, M. T.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	J. H. C. Dill	Bloomington.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, M. T.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, M. T.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg, M. T.
Maryland	William M. Isaac	Baltimore, M. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T.
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Minnesota	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
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New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
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North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo, M. T.
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Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence, M. T.
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South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.

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Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
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Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Taylor	Olympia.
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee, M. T.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

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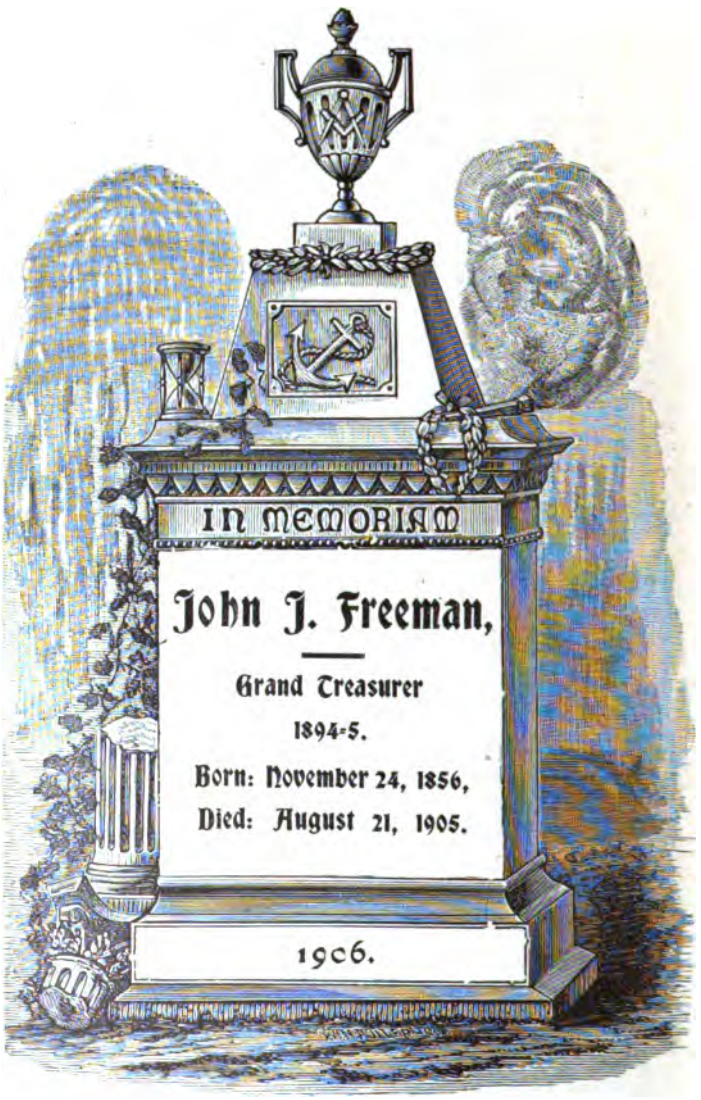
Cuba	Aurelio Miranda	Habana, Apartado 72.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	M. P. Barbogly	Athens, Rue Hippocrate
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Mexico, Valle de	Felix M. Iglesias	Mexico City.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Dundedin.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Norway	Theodor Hansen	Christiania.
Peru	J. Benjamin Choza	Lima.
Porto Rico	Albert E. Martinez	San Juan.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane, 231 Elizabeth St.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Sweden	Sven H. B. Svensson	Stockholm.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A	Hobart, M. T.
United G. L. Victoria	David Meadowcraft	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

In Memory

of the

Thirty-Six Members of Lodges of North Dakota Who Died During the Masonic Year Ending April 30, 1906.

Lodge	Name	Date
Shiloh No. 1	William C. Albrant	Aug. 3, 1905
Shiloh No. 1	John E. Haggart	Sept. 20, 1905
Shiloh No. 1	Peter T. Judge	Mar. 6, 1906
Shiloh No. 1	Hans A. Olson	Sept. 3, 1905
Shiloh No. 1	Joseph H. Zimmerman	Dec. 25, 1905
Pembina No. 2	Charles A. Kenyon	Aug. 12, 1905
Acacia No. 4	William Acherman	May 12, 1905
Acacia No. 4	William J. Anderson	Feb. 9, 1906
Acacia No. 4	Marcus T. Caswell	Jan. 1, 1906
Jamestown No. 6	Elliot S. Miller	June —, 1905
Cereal No. 9	Otto Ewald	June 14, 1905
Ellendale No. 13	Gordon Merchant	Jan. 25, 1906
Ellendale No. 13	Jacob L. Eavhter	Dec. 18, 1905
Sanborn No. 14	Ole J. West	Nov. 26, 1905
Wahpeton No. 15	Mott T. Stevens	July 7, 1905
North Star No. 16	George M. Smith	Sept. 19, 1905
Minnewaukan No. 21	Howard W. Hastings	May 14, 1905
Minnewaukan No. 21	John Nimmo	Oct. 10, 1905
Euclid No. 24	James C. Cramond	Feb. 22, 1906
Euclid No. 24	Luther M. Fillmore	June 6, 1905
Anchor No. 25	Ambrose B. Willey	May 18, 1905
Golden Valley No. 26	Simon Bathgate	Dec. 27, 1905
Golden Valley No. 26	John Wyllie	June 8, 1905
Occidental No. 27	Joseph E. Jefferson	July 15, 1905
Temple No. 30	Durward J. Boyd	April 10, 1906
Golden Fleece No. 31	John D. Becker	July 4, 1901
Dickinson No. 32	John J. Freeman	Aug. 21, 1905
Dickinson No. 32	James C. Shepherd	Feb. 28, 1906
St. Johns No. 36	Bruce G. Warren	June 12, 1905
Milton No. 48	Harry Collis	May 11, 1905
Mt. Moriah No. 51	Fred Feigley	Sept. 22, 1905
Fidelity No. 52	Henry Skildom	Sept. 22, 1905
Harmony No. 53	Charles M. Shanely	Oct. 9, 1905
Aurora No. 56	William S. Farquhar	Feb. 6, 1906
Ionic No. 64	Azro B. Darling	Oct. 23, 1905
Leeds No. 67	John F. Warren	Feb. 10, 1906


IN MEMORIAM
John J. Freeman,
Grand Treasurer
1894-5.
Born: November 24, 1856,
Died: August 21, 1905.
1906.

IN MEMORIAM
To Those
of
Our Sister
Grand Jurisdictions
Who have Gone Before.
1906.

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT.

BY M.·. W.·. ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4).

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

The action of this Grand Lodge in confining the report on Fraternal Correspondence to the Judicial and Legislative acts of Sister Grand Lodges, does not seem to have met the full approval of the several correspondents who have had an opportunity to express themselves. The condemnation of some has been severe, that of others reasonable. Not all of the Guild have yet had a chance at us.

In travel, in study, in art, in law, in medicine and theology, in almost everything, great pleasure and much good results from leaving the beaten paths. There may be no precedent for the course we have taken, but as the Irish lawyer said to the court, "What an ilegant opportunity to make one."

Adverse criticism comes from one of two causes, speaking generally,—disappointment at not finding what was expected, or an honest difference of opinion. The first gives no cause for worry, the second we hope to overcome. It cannot be done in one year, it may not be accomplished in two, but sooner or later others will commend what is now condemned.

In the orations given before the several Grand Lodges, occur many gems of thought, and apt expressions of masonic truth. For the good of us all, these might be presented, and may be another year.

Not all decisions are reported, for many apply local constitutions and by-laws, and many are in answer to foolish questions. A few of the latter are given as examples.

The subject of Physical Qualifications has commanded more attention than any other, but not all rulings are given because much duplication would result.

An addition is made in the expression of the opinion of your Correspondent on many of the reported rulings. If nothing is said the decision is concurred in. It is always to be kept in mind that none of these decisions are precedents to be followed by particular lodges in this state; also that the opinions are merely those personal to your Correspondent.

A careful study of the decisions as reported to the Grand Lodges, leads one to the conclusion that reports on Fraternal Correspondence, as now generally constructed, have not disseminated masonic light and knowledge to any great distance, nor dissipated the darkness of a general ignorance of masonic law and precedent to any great degree; for the reason that Grand Lodges, which have received the most voluminous reports, and the best, if you please, have also had to answer some of the most foolish questions.

The digest of decisions is herewith presented.

Fraternally,

R. M. CAROTHERS.

COMPILED DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

[NOTE.—The following decisions and resolutions are for general information, not the law of this Grand Lodge, and Masters and others should not be governed by them in absence of similar law in this grand jurisdiction.—Grand Secretary.]

ADVANCEMENT, OBJECTION TO—See Charges, 2; Qualifications.

The objection to the advancement of a brother must be made in open lodge by the brother making the objection.—Kansas 1906, p. 497.

The method of stopping a candidate in his advancement by simply saying "I object," no matter whether in open lodge or otherwise, is unfair and unmasonic, even though the reason be stated in full. The objecting brother may be mistaken, and any reason sufficient to support an objection is certainly sufficient basis for charges. If there is good reason why a brother should not advance, he should be regularly tried, and if, in reality, there is no such reason, he should have the opportunity of defending himself, and of establishing his right to advance.

BALLOT.—See Black Ball.

1. There must be a separate ballot on each and every candidate.—California, 1905, p. 111.

What ever may be the rule in other societies, this is certainly the universal law in Masonry.

The vitality of this question is wonderful; every year it shows its face and there are others like it.

2. While there is no written law forbidding a candidate to be ballotted upon for a higher degree on the night he takes a preceding degree it is proper to wait until the next regular communication, and this has always been the custom and should not be departed from.—South Carolina, 1905, p. 61.

In North Dakota we ballot but once, unless the ballot is again called for, but so ancient and honorable is the custom above referred to that its violation should be declared to be an irregularity.

3. A lodge should not ballot on a petition for initiation of a candidate of affiliation of a brother where death occurs before time of balloting arrives.—Wyoming, 1905, p. 217.

How the question leading to this decision could have been seriously put to the Grand Master is beyond the grasp of the human mind.

BLACK BALL—

One who is believed to have wilfully and unmasonically voted a black ball on the application of a candidate, cannot be tried for it, because not only is the ballot secret and cannot be inquired into, but the brother is presumed to vote conscientiously, and his conscience cannot

be probed or purged; but if it can be shown that he voted two black balls, this is decidedly a masonic offense, and for it he may be tried, and if found guilty, should be punished.—South Carolina, 1905, p 60.

This ruling is correct, and if any brother has been guilty of voting two black balls at one and the same time, Masonry's severest penalty, expulsion, is all too light a punishment.

CANDIDATE—See Advancement; Jurisdiction, 2.

CHARMS AND BADGES—See Offenses.

A Mason wears a masonic charm for his own gratification, and as evidence of the fact that he is a Mason; the charm of itself has no further significance. It can add nothing to his masonic duties or obligations. A Mason without a charm is bound by the same laws and obligations as the Mason wearing a charm.—Mississippi, 1906, p 94.

The whole matter cannot be better expressed in a few words, Personal adornment is entirely a matter of taste, and it is every man's business how many, or how few charms or badges he will wear. If Masons will wear the symbols of the Order, and they will, no other Mason should object; but I do not believe that the emblems of Masonry should be combined with those of any other order in the same charm.

It is also more often true than otherwise that a man's worth as a member of an order or society is in the inverse ratio to the number and size of his badges. Only the other day I saw a man wearing the insignia of six societies, and the circumstances indicated clearly the commercial intent. Such an one reflects no credit on the bodies to which he belongs, but all that can be done is to take such a man at his real worth, and not blame the organization.

CHARGES—

1. After charges have been presented they may be withdrawn, or not, as the judgment of the Worshipful Master may deem proper and for the best interest of the Craft, care being exercised that no injustice be done any party in interest.—Idaho, 1905, p. 27.

Correct. Sacrifice the letter of the law to the spirit always. The brother may thereby be saved to the Order, to the world and to himself.

2. It is not masonic for one brother after another to object to the advancement of a candidate. Objection made by one brother is notice to the entire lodge, and if there is reason for so doing it is their duty to prefer charges. A Fellow Craft is a brother Mason and should be treated with justice. It is not right to hold him in suspense without an opportunity of being heard, or even knowing what is held against him.—Missouri, 1905, p. 25.

No better ruling on this subject has come to our notice. Call it "modern" legislation, if you will. It breathes the spirit of true Masonry —the spirit that maketh alive. The more such modernisms the better.

CHARITY—

The daughter of a Mason who died in good standing, if worthy herself, does not forfeit her right to relief by reason of an unfortunate marriage, or the misfortunes of matrimony.—California, 1905, p 113.

If masonic charity is to be dispensed only to such unfortunates as have not contributed in any degree to their own misfortune, its exercise will be so infrequent as to endanger its existence. While now, like the acacia, "it is a plant of hardy growth," it would then soon become a withered branch. The ruling is right. Talk about faults after giving the needed help; better still, don't talk about them. Let cause be subordinated to effect, and then apply the Golden Rule. A little of the new Testament, philosophy now and then, and always, will do Masonry good.

CONFERRING DEGREES—See Work.

DEDICATING HALLS.

It is not necessary, or even proper to dedicate halls not used exclusively for masonic purposes.—Idaho, 1905, p 27.

No more could be said if a whole page were written.

DIMIT—

A brother about to engage in the liquor business is entitled to a dimit when no charges are preferred against him. The fact that he may in the future engage in a prohibited occupation is not sufficient ground to deny the dimit.—Florida, 1906, p 44.

The law is correctly stated. It is possible that the brother will not carry out his present intention. A mere intention is no offense, the act must be done. If the offense should be committed, a dimit will avail him nothing; for, being still a Mason, he may be subjected to the penal jurisdiction of the Order.

DOCUMENTS—See Visitors, 2, 3 and 4.

DOTAGE—See Physical Qualification.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS—See Dimit.

1. If a druggist sells intoxicating liquors as a beverage in bottles or otherwise, whether consumed on the premises or not, he is not eligible to the degrees of Free Masonry.—Idaho, 1905, p 25.

A reputable business cannot be used as a cloak to cover a disreputable practice.

2. It is no masonic offense for a member of a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction to engage in the saloon business, in accordance with the laws of the state of South Dakota governing the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.—South Dakota, 1905, p. 34.

This decision is correct under the laws of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, but, as the Grand Master points out, an inconsistency exists. a liquor dealer may not become a member of the Order in that state, but a member may become a liquor dealer. Make the rule work both ways, brethren.

3. Answering the question as to who, connected with the liquor business, is disqualified to be made a Mason, the Grand Master of Minnesota says: "Officers having a voice and vote in the direction and management of the affairs and business of such corporations (Brewing Companies), are ineligible to receive the degrees of Masonry.

An employee engaged in the supervision of the clerical part of the business, and having nothing whatever to do with the manufacture and sale of the product, and without a vote in the management of the affairs of the corporation, is not debarred."—Minnesota, 1906, p 23.

4. Of the same tenor is the following: "A bookkeeper for a wholesale drug house, which house sells liquor in our opinion has nothing in the world to do with such sale."—Mississippi, 1906, p 95.

We believe the foregoing decisions to be sound. It is a noteworthy fact that but few Grand Lodges have escaped passing upon the liquor question in some form or other.

JURISDICTION—

The territorial jurisdiction of a lodge is not limited by the boundary lines of a county. It covers all the territory in the state, regardless of county lines, that is nearer to it than to any other lodge.—Missouri, 1905, p 24.

There can be but one opinion on this subject.

2. The lodge of which the candidate is the proper material, cannot waive its jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of another lodge nor can the Grand Master grant a dispensation permitting such waiver. The lodge may, after election, request another to confer the degrees, but otherwise the work must be done by the lodge whose material the candidate is.—South Carolina, 1905, p 60.

Working under a different rule and practice, it is difficult to see the reasonableness of the above.

LECTURERS, ETC.—

No lecture or address of any character may be delivered to a lodge without submission first to the Grand Master, and his approval obtained.—Pennsylvania, 1905, p 100.

Pennsylvania is generally pretty sound, certainly conservative, masonically. The reasons for this ruling are not given, but, standing as a bare statement of the law, it seems to be more comprehensive than absolutely necessary for the protection of Masonry.

MINUTES—

1. After the minutes of a stated or special communication have been read and approved at the following regular communication, they cannot be altered or any part thereof expunged.—Wyoming, 1905, p. 219.

It is insisted that the vote by which minutes have been adopted cannot be reconsidered, like other votes?

2. The minutes should be an exact official record of the proceedings of the lodge; therefore, the names of the members of the committee (on petition for initiation) should appear on the minutes.—Mississippi, 1906, p 94.

In many lodges none save the Master, Secretary and members of the committee know of whom such committee is made up, the members not even knowing one another, it being essentially a secret committee,—the belief being that better work will be done. Some other "proceedings" are not considered proper matters of record, why, therefore, may not latitude be allowed in this?

OBJECTION TO ADVANCEMENT—See Advancement; Charges, 2.

OFFENSES—See Charms and Badges.

The wearing of a masonic pin by one who has been suspended for unmasonic conduct is not a masonic offense.—Alabama, 1905, p 31.

If every violation of what is proper and in good taste becomes a masonic offense, lodges would spend much time in trying members. Just what is proper is often a matter of opinion, and, as a very reputable Court has said, there is no law to prevent a man from making a fool of himself.

PETITION—

Can petition of one who is not yet twenty-one years of age, but will be before his petition is acted upon, be received and referred to a committee. No. A minor is not competent to make petition.—Tennessee, 1906, p. 35.

We in North Dakota make exception in favor of sons of Masons.

DOTAGE—

One who many years ago, when in the prime of life was made an Entered Apprentice cannot now, when in his dotage, take the other degrees. If an initiate becomes disqualified because of any moral, intellectual or physical defect, the other degrees should not be conferred on him.—Mississippi, 1906, p 87.

The ruling in this state does not agree with the above as to physical disqualification after initiation. Having received a part of Masonry, should a misfortune to a man's body deprive him of his right to the

rest? We think not. If, however, the loss was occasioned by vicious habits or was contributed to by wilful excesses, the rule might be different. We concur in the above as to mental or moral disqualifications.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.—

No subject has called forth a greater number of decisions, but we shall not undertake to weary the Craft with the repetition found in the reports.

1. A candidate afflicted with one leg being shorter than the other, which causes him to limp when walking, is not eligible for the degrees.—Delaware, 1905, p 240.

This ruling seems to take no notice of the degree of shortness of the leg. If the candidate limps he is done for. Several Grand Lodges have lately passed on the eligibility of men whose legs differ in length, and the ruling is very generally in favor of those whose defect is not sufficient to require the use of a crutch, or other artificial assistance, save the cane. This we believe to be the better ruling.

2. Whether or not a petitioner *by artificial means*, can comply with masonic requirements is one in which the lodge should exercise its own sound judgment; every case should stand on its own facts.

Before ballot is taken on the petition, the lodge should be informed of the peculiar character of the deficiency and artificial appliance. Then let every member vote his judgment as his conscience dictates. —Missouri, 1905, p. 18.

Coming from one who, as he himself says, has been judging between man and man in the courts of his state for eighteen years, this decision is a surprise. If Masonry is to have any substantive law at all, no greater mistake could be made than to leave the question of physical qualifications without some authoritive rule, trusting to the caprice of particular lodges. Our Most Worshipful Brother must know that juries, even when the dictates of conscience are followed, make serious mistakes, and because of which he has himself often, no doubt, set aside verdicts. If the lodges are left to decide this question, there will be great conflict in each Grand Jurisdiction.

That the Grand Master personally favors the admission of one-footed persons appears from the fact that he instructs the lodge that in the preparation room no account is to be taken of the bolts, screws, etc. of the artificial foot. We emphatically dissent. The italics in the ruling are ours.

2. The loss of a foot disqualifies.—New Brunswick, '05, p. 443.

3. One with two thumbs on one hand is physically disqualified. So, also, a man with a club foot.—Pennsylvania, 1905, p 101.

How's that for strict adherence to the "perfect youth" theory? A man may, it seems, have too much as well as too little in Pennsylvania.

How about the man with false teeth and spectacles, or with a hair lip—*Reductio ad absurdum.*

4. A petitioner who has been elected, but before taking the Entered Apprentice degree, loses his right foot is ineligible for the degrees, even though by use of a cork foot his loss cannot be detected.—Mississippi, 1906, p 88.

With this we fully agree. See under Dotage, ante.

5 Kansas adheres strictly to the "perfect youth" theory.—Kansas, 1906, p 554.

So does North Dakota if that theory is reasonably construed. If the theory is meant to exclude all but the physically perfect, as some contend, we dissent; but if the profane can, without the use of any artificial assistance, perform the requirements of Masonry, we believe him to be physically qualified. Except in a general way, Masonry recognizes no obligations to the profane, but the Order owes itself the obligation of so construing its own laws that the Craft may enjoy the fellowship of all good men who so desire, even though they carry in their bodies small blemishes; for the physically perfect man is indeed a rare animal. It seems strange that Masonry has directed its attention to exterior matters only. A man's physical interior may be as defective as you please, but no questions are asked.

The "perfect youth" should be investigated inside and out. Brethren, let consistency have free course and be glorified among you.

PUBLICATION—

Newspaper accounts of meetings of masonic lodges, elections, and proceedings, are not only not permitted, but are prohibited.—Pennsylvania, 1905, p 100.

We see no harm in the publication of the result of an election, or the listing of lodge officers in a directory.

QUALIFICATIONS—

1. One who can neither read nor write is eligible for the degrees. Alabama, 1905, p 27.

Mighty poor law, but Alabama sticks to it.

2. An objection to the advancement of a Fellow Craft who had knowingly married a prostitute should be sustained, charges should be preferred, and he dealt with strictly in accordance with masonic law and usage.—Indian Ty., 1905, p. 39.

No well informed Mason will question the soundness of this holding.

QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE—

1. One, a citizen of a foreign country, but a permanent resident of Alabama, and a member of a lodge in that jurisdiction, is not disqualified for the office of Worshipful Master.—Alabama, 1905, p. 28.

2. In the organization of a new lodge, one who has never served as Warden may, when good reason is shown, be elected a Worshipful Master.—Alabama, 1905, p 28.

These holdings are without question correct.

RESOLUTION TO MEMBERSHIP—See Voting.

SUSPENDED MASONS—

If a brother who belongs to one or more lodges is suspended by one lodge, the other lodges must recognize his suspension.—British Columbia, 1905, p 9.

When Masons are permitted to hold membership in more than one lodge this ruling is certainly correct, but most of us find a single membership sufficient. The disadvantages of plural memberships are greater than any possible advantage. For instance, statistics are at once rendered unreliable, and other complications immediately arise.

STUDENTS—

A student attending college away from his regular home, who does not remain at the college town during his vactions, is not eligible to receive the degrees in this state.—Washington, 1905, p 25.

At the hands of the lodge in the college town, of course. Masonically as well as politically, college residence confers no rights.

SUICIDE—

Suicide is not a masonic offense, therefore a brother attempting to take his own life cannot be proceeded against masonically.—Idaho, 1905, p 25.

In those states where attempted suicide is a crime, a different ruling would probably be given on the theory that all crimes are *per se* masonic offenses. To punish attempted suicide has always appeared to us to be placing a penalty on one for not succeeding in committing a murder for which he could not be punished.

SUNDAY WORK—

Held—that even though the Constitution and By-Laws are silent on the point, yet such practice would be in open violation of the teachings of the ritual. We are taught that our ancient brethren consecrated the seventh day as a day of rest from their labors. Also that the

Holy Bible is the rule and guide of faith. Therefore all masonic labor (save funerals) on Sunday is unmasonic, and not to be permitted.—Idaho, 1905, p 27.

As a general rule this ruling is undoubtedly correct, but occasions for its setting aside may arise when the breach will more honor the rule than the keeping. Some years ago, when the writer was Grand Master, the North Dakota troops were ordered to the Philippines. Time was short and the need pressing, and dispensation was granted Shiloh Lodge, at Fargo, to confer masonic degrees on Sunday. The soldiers from this state also took with them a charter for a Military Lodge, signed by myself, and although both these actions were severely criticised by certain masonic publications, I have never had cause to regret either. The lodge was officered by the regimental officers, was an element of strength to our boys, and a source of pleasure and benefit to Masons from all over the world.

TEST OATH—See Visitors, 2.

THIRD DEGREE—Examination in.

Candidates are required to pass an examination in the third degree, as to proficiency, within two months after receiving the same.—Idaho, 1905, p. 70.

A good rule but hard to carry out. What's the penalty if he fails? What conditions precedent can properly be imposed upon the enjoyment of all the rights of a Master Mason?

TRIAL—

1. Where required notice of trial has not been given, accused may, in writing, waive such notice and the trial may proceed.—Alabama, 1905, p 27.

This ruling is good law; any person charged with an offense may waive the provisions of any statute beneficial to himself.

2. Notice of trial on postal card is legal, but the practice is not commended.—Alabama, 1905, p 28.

All proceedings under the Code in Masonry should be properly safe-guarded, and not unduly exposed or advertised, and while the legality of such proceedings must be insisted upon, "silence and circumspection" must not be forgotten.

3. The Grand Master can review the proceedings of a masonic trial, and if he does not approve, can set them aside and order a new trial.—Kansas, 1906, p 498.

This will apply to procedure and conclusions of law, but what has he to do with findings of fact?

UNMASONIC CONDUCT.—See charges, 2.

Even though suspended, a brother is still a Mason and answerable for misconduct to the lodge in whose jurisdiction he commits an additional offense, or to his own lodge.—Missouri, 1905, p 16.

The right of a lodge to punish for an offense is not impaired by the fact that the offender is already under sentence for another offense. This rule will hold even though the second offense is a repetition of the first.

VACATION—

If the By-Laws of a lodge provide that the lodge shall be called off during any month, the Master has no authority to convene a stated meeting in that month.—Maine, 1905, p 221.

No room for argument here.

VISITORS—

1. The term "due inquiry" is not satisfied by documentary evidence alone. The visitor must pass a more or less rigid examination, depending on the nature of his documents.—California, 1905, p 111.

2. On the recommendation of the Board of Custodians, the Grand Lodge of Iowa has adopted the following test oath: "I do solemnly swear that I have been regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in a just and lawfully constituted lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and that I am now a member of the Order in good standing."

Visitors will also be required to sign the following: "For the purpose of gaining admission to and recognition in ——— Lodge, No. ——, A. F. & A. M., located at ———, Iowa, I hereby state on my honor as man and Mason, that I was regularly initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in ——— Lodge. No. ——, A. F. & A. M., in the State of ———, the same being a just and lawfully constituted lodge; that I am neither expelled or suspended from a lodge, but am now a member of the Order in good standing, with my membership in ——— Lodge, No. ——, located at ———, in the state of ———.

I subscribe my name hereto that this paper may be sent to my home lodge, or otherwise used to test the truth of the above statements."—Iowa, 1905. p 372.

These "Iowa Ideas" are generally pretty good, and the above are no exceptions. The form of the test oath is an improvement over that in general use, equally comprehensive and of fewer words.

No Mason in good standing will hesitate to sign the required certificate. Too much care cannot be taken in the matter of admitting visitors, but often examining committees are composed of Masons so "well informed" that the examination is far beyond a newly made or rusty Mason. Of course, it is far better to refuse admittance to one entitled thereto, than to admit one who is not, and the lodge is always

entitled to the benefit of the doubt. The action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa is certainly in furtherance of just treatment to lodge and visitor alike.

3. One holding a certificate from the Grand Lodge of another jurisdiction, and from the secretary of a subordinate lodge that he is a Master Mason in good standing in that lodge, is not entitled to visit a lodge in this jurisdiction unless he proves himself in a proper way to be a Mason.—South Carolina, 1905, p 59.

A pocketful of documents is as good, among strangers, with a profane as with a Mason, did documents alone admit to a lodge. Documents may be lost and found, or they may be stolen, but he who can prove himself in a "proper way" has no fear of such an accident.

4 Edict—No visitor from a foreign jurisdiction, unavouched for, shall be permitted to visit any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction without presenting, before examination, an official receipt for dues and a certificate for membership under the seal of a regular lodge, said certificate being avouched for by the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of issue.—Florida, 1906, p 46.

This edict was not continued by the Grand Lodge, and properly so, but each lodge was directed to provide itself with a list of regular lodges for the purpose of proving documents, and the lodges were advised to be more careful in examination.

5. An Entered Apprentice, belonging to any Grand Jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Washington, has the same rights in this Grand Jurisdiction which pertain to a brother of like degree who has received his degree in this state. No distinction can be made whatever, and the fact of his having been rejected for the remaining degrees, by any lodge of Masons working under a charter from this Grand Lodge, does not impair his right to visit a lodge of Entered Apprentices, ii not objected to by an actual member of said lodge.—Washington 1905, p 25.

Personally, I do not believe the right to visit other than his own lodge belongs to an Entered Apprentice, nor do I believe that one of less degree than a Master Mason has the right to object to the presence of a visitor.

VOTE—Right to.

A By-Law which provides that a brother in arrears in his dues shall not vote at the annual election, held to deprive the brother of his vote without due process, hence void.—Idaho, 1905, p 26.

Some states require their citizens as a condition precedent to voting to pay their taxes, and such laws are valid and are not without merit. Why should not obligations and privileges in a masonic lodge be reciprocal? If a brother neglects to bear his share of the burden, why should not he give up a share of his privileges? It must be admitted that

the lodge may suspend the brother for his failure to pay his dues, thus cutting him off entirely for a time, but it must be admitted on the other hand that a By-Law like that under consideration will avoid many a trial N. P. D. That the By-Law deprives the brother of a right "without due process" we deny. The law is general in its application, not particular. If it is on the books at the time his membership attaches, the brother cannot complain; for up to that time he has no dues to pay and no right to vote and he comes under the law as he finds it. If the By-Law has been adopted after he becomes a member of the lodge, and by his vote he has helped to establish the rule, he cannot be heard to impeach the law, for he thereby stultifies himself; if the law has been enacted, he voting against it, he should either submit to the will of the majority or appeal to the Grand Lodge, and a Grand Lodge that holds as above has upon it the burden of proving the correctness of its decision. We do not believe the holding to be sound.

VOTING—Restoration to Membership.

In voting upon the restoration to membership of one who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, one year having elapsed since his suspension, the proper method of voting is by the uplifted hand. The use of the ballot in such case is improper.—Montana 1905, p 27.

In North Dakota a favorable vote by a majority vote of the members present is required to restore a brother suspended N. P. D. It does not appear to make any difference how the vote is taken, nor does the question of elapse of time enter into the matter.

WORK—

A lodge has no authority to divide itself for the purpose of working in separate rooms. A lodge is a unit; it cannot be in two places at the same time.—Missouri, 1905, p. 24; Kansas, 1906, p. 497.

This proposition is essentially one-sided and the rulings properly state the law.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota, was opened at High Twelve in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Grand Forks, on Tuesday, continuing in said city during Wednesday, being the 25th and 26th days of June, A. D. 1907, A.·. L.·. 5907.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

Grant S. Hager (30).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator
Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Robert Morrison (2).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Marshal
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
William Spriggs (4).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Thomas Sims (44).....W.·. Grand Tyler
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Fraternal Correspondent

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M.·. W.·. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (11) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried:

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: Brothers Henry G. Vick (2), Frank J. King (30), James McGuigan (1).

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1), was adopted.

(For report see Appendix immediately following closing.)

INVITATION.

R.·. W.·. Brother John Riessbeck (32) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

The hour being 12:40 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2:00 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

R.'. W.'. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.'. W.'. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Division and Reference of reports of grand officers be appointed, to whom shall be referred the several reports without further action.

Carried.

COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The M.'. W.'. Grand Master then announced as such Committee on Division and Reference: W.'. Bro. Fred. G. Kneeland (6), W.'. Bro. Frank Sims (47), W.'. Bro. William A. Dillon (5), Bro. Gilbert McEachern (30), W.'. Bro. Milo J. Pitkin (76).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.'. W.'. Brother Grant S. Hager (30), then read his annual address.

BRETHREN: Again we are met in annual communication to give an account of our stewardship during the past twelve months, to legislate for the future, to renew our devotion to the eternal principles of Masonry, and to mingle with those tried and true friends who have greeted us for many years at these annual gatherings. This is the eighteenth anniversary of our birth as a Grand Lodge. During all the years that lie behind, our record has been one of continuous and steady advancement. The future stretches out bright with hope and promise, and the occasion is

one which calls for thankful hearts to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, who has guided our steps in the past and to whom we look for strength and purpose.

A year ago when I assumed the duties of this high office, I fully resolved to make many official visitations to the particular lodges and strive to increase the zeal of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction. That I have failed in my resolve you all know. I regret to say that with the exception of such occasions as the constitution of lodges chartered at the last annual communication, and the performance of other official duties of a like character, I have been prevented from meeting with the brethren as I had intended. Excuses at best are a poor vindication, but we all desire to be justified. The extreme rigor of the past winter, with the disorganized transportation facilities incident thereto, a heavy press of private business and illness, are the reasons I give you for my failure to perform what I consider to have been my full duty in this respect. Your past kindness, your unfailing courtesy to me and your innate goodness of heart, will, I know, plead for my shortcomings and insure forgiveness.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

In spite of our advancing years, time has dealt gently with us. During the year we have been called upon to mourn the loss of but one of our past grand officers—R.·. W.·. Brother George A. Luce (27), Past Grand Treasurer for 1893-4, of Hope, who was called to the celestial lodge on high March 27th, 1907, after an illness of some duration.

Brother Luce had been identified with this Grand Lodge since its organization and through all the years of its history was a constant attendant at our annual communications. He was kind and charitable to all, brave in adversity and honest in business and private life. His death will long be mourned. Notice of his demise was given to sister jurisdictions and to the particular lodges of this state.

The grim reaper has been at work in the lodges of our jurisdiction and gathered an abundant harvest of good and true men, the names of whom will be inscribed on the memorial pages of our annual proceedings.

The Committee on Necrology will submit a report upon the fraternal dead of this and other grand lodges and prepare suitable resolutions.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On July 13th, 1906, I went to Calvin, Cavalier County, and there constituted Corinthian Lodge No. 78, installed its officers in due form and delivered the charter to its Master. After the ceremonies of the evening were over a luncheon was served. The charter officers of this Lodge were intelligent men and well posted Masons, and I feel sure the Lodge will make a creditable record.

On August 6th, 1906, I proceeded to Velva, McHenry County, constituted Velva Lodge No. 76, installed its officers and delivered to them their charter. Large delegations of brethren from Star in the West Lodge No. 33, Minot, and Ashler Lodge No. 69, Granville, were present and assisted in the ceremonies. After the work of the evening had been completed, an elaborate banquet was discussed by the members of the new lodge and their guests. The officers of the lodge are earnest and enthusiastic and I predict a bright future for this lodge.

The following day, August 7th, I arrived at Bowbells, Ward County, and in the evening constituted Bowbells Lodge No. 75, installed the officers named in the charter and delivered that document into the care of the venerable Master who had driven many miles to be present at the ceremonies. Here again I had valuable assistance from brethren of Star in the West Lodge, and met Masons from Westhope, Kenmare and Portal. I was the object of many courtesies from the brethren at Bowbells. The lodge has a good staff of officers, and intelligent body of members and should do excellent work.

It had been my intention when installed as Grand Master to personally constitute all the new lodges chartered at the last grand communication, but the distances in our state are so magnificent, and the work of constituting the lodges came so close together, that I found myself unable to carry out my intentions as to Buffalo Lodge No. 77. Accordingly on August 2d, 1906, I issued to M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson (1), Past Grand Master, a commission to constitute Buffalo Lodge. His report is as follows:

Fargo, N. D., August 17th, 1906.

Mr. Grant S. Hager, Grand Master of Masons,
St. Thomas, N. D.

Dear Sir and M.·. W.·. Brother: As your Deputy, I constituted Buffalo Lodge No. 77, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and installed its officers on Tuesday, August 14th, 1906.

Owing to the fact that harvest had begun in earnest, the attendance was not as large as naturally otherwise it would have been, yet the officers and a number of the brethren were present. After the ceremonies of installation, the Fellow Craft degree was conferred, following which a fine banquet was served at the Hotel Vinson. From the character and quality of the members, there is every reason to believe that Buffalo Lodge will be, not a large one, but a prosperous one, and a power for good in the community. I found the brethren housed in a well-appointed and commodious lodge room, much better than is often found in towns of the size of Buffalo. They seemed pleased to be brought to life again, as a number of applications were lying in waiting for the metamorphosis from dispensation to charter.

Yours fraternally,
FRANK J. THOMPSON.

DISPENSATIONS—NEW LODGES.

Five dispensations for new lodges have been granted by me during the past year.

On December 22nd, 1906, I granted a dispensation for the organization of a new lodge at Glenburn, Ward County, to be known as Glenburn Lodge, U.·. D.·. The officers of the new lodge are:

Clarence V. Ferguson, W.·. M.·.
William W. Shepard, S.·. W.·.
Edward S. Healey, J.·. W.·.
George L. Gould, Treasurer.
Arthur A. Butts, Secretary.

On March 5th, 1907, I issued a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge at Antler, in Bottineau County, to be known as Antler Lodge, U.·. D.·., with the following officers:

John F. Walrath, W.·. M.·.
M. Davis Dyar, S.·. W.·.
William C. Derby, J.·. W.·.
Adolph Kadletz, Treasurer.
William Rydar, Secretary.

On April 2nd, 1907, I granted a dispensation for a new lodge at Balfour, McHenry County, to be known as Balfour Lodge, U.·. D.·. The officers named for this lodge were:

A. B. Parmenter, W.·. M.·.
J. A. Phelps, S.·. W.·.
Iver G. Walstad, J.·. W.·.
Cyrus G. Holden, Treasurer.
A. W. Parmenter, Secretary.

On April 7th, 1907, I issued a dispensation to organize a new lodge at Lansford, Bottineau County, to be known as Lansford Lodge, U.·. D.·. and named the following officers:

Gustave A. Huss, W.·. M.·.
William R. Banks, S.·. W.·.
Clarence G. Banks, J.·. W.·.
Allen N. Cooper, Treasurer.
John G. Walstad, Secretary.

On April 9th, 1907, I granted a dispensation to establish a new lodge at Edmore, in Ramsey County, to be known as Edmore Lodge, U.·. D.·. The officers of this lodge are:

Henry R. Aslakson, W.·. M.·.
Burton J. Mowers, S.·. W.·.
Irwin E. Officer, J.·. W.·.
Charles C. Honey, Treasurer.
Martin O. Simenstad, Secretary.

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GRAND OFFICERS GRAND LODGE, IN FRONT OF MASONIC TEMPLE, GRAND FORKS, N. D., JUNE 26th, 1907.

Reading from left to right, first row: William E. Hoover, Junior Grand Deacon; Halfdan Bendeke, Senior Grand Warden; Frank A Cousins, Grand Marshal; Sylvester J. Hill, Deputy Grand Master; John J. Hull, Junior Grand Warden; John Riessbeck, Grand Master; Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary; Clarence A. Hale, Grand Lecturer and Auditor; Grant S. Hager, Past Grand Master 1906-7; Robert M. Carothers, Fraternal Correspondent; Robert Morrison, Senior Grand Deacon; Thomas Sims, Grand Sword Bearer; Clinton D. Lord, Grand Treasurer. In doorway, to the left, Alexander B. Taylor, Chairman Finance Committee. In doorway, to the right, E. George Guthrie, Member Finance Committee (Past Grand High Priest). Lady in center, Miss Mary Schlanser, chief clerk in Grand Secretary's office for many years.

I hesitated before granting the last three dispensations because the time between their issuance and the date of expiration was too short to allow the new lodges to confer all of the degrees, and thus prove their ability to work worthily and well. However, after correspondence with a number of Past Grand Masters of this jurisdiction, I decided to issue the dispensations and recommend to this Grand Lodge that in the instance of Balfour, Lansford and Edmore Lodges the dispensations be continued during the succeeding year, instead of the granting to them charters. When these three dispensations were issued, I notified the officers of the lodges of my intended action, and, therefore, I recommend that the dispensations of Balfour, Lansford and Edmore Lodges be continued until June 15th, 1908.

Our Code fixes no limit of time after which the Grand Master is prohibited from issuing a dispensation to form a new lodge, and I had our Grand Secretary secure information from a number of grand lodges as to their practice. I have the correspondence relative to the subject, and if this grand body deems it of sufficient importance for new legislation and a fixed rule of action, I will be pleased to submit the same to an appropriate committee for consideration.

OPEN AIR COMMUNICATION.

My first official act after installation, on June 27th, 1906, was the issuance of a dispensation to Tuscan Lodge No. 44, located at Bottineau, to hold an open air communication of said lodge July 24th, 1906, on Park Island, in Lake Metigoshe, for the purpose of conferring the degree of Master Mason on a class of candidates. The following report was made to me by W.·. Brother A. G. Burr, W.·. M.·., of the lodge:

Bottineau, N. D., July 27th, 1906.

Mr. Grant S. Hager,
St. Thomas, N. D.,

Dear Sir: I herewith report to you regarding the acts of Tuscan Lodge, No. 44, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., under the dispensation granted by you to said Tuscan Lodge for the purpose of conferring degrees:

In pursuance of the power and authority conferred, given to the said Tuscan Lodge by said dispensation, we held an open air meeting on Park Island, Lake Metigoshe, in the County of Bottineau, State of North Dakota, which open air meeting was under the charge of Tuscan Lodge No. 44, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. At that time three Fellow Crafts were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason: Brother Alfred Rowe, of Westhope, N. D., and Brothers John McCaughna and Joseph Fraser, of said Tuscan Lodge. As Westhope Lodge was well represented, Tuscan Lodge asked their officers to exemplify the work by conferring the degree on Brother Rowe, while the work of raising the other brethren was done by Tuscan Lodge.

Before opening the lodge, ample precautions were taken to prevent the approach of eavesdroppers. The grounds were patrolled and the mysteries of the order preserved inviolate. The attendance was very large and the work and occasion so satisfactory that a desire has been expressed freely to secure another dispensation for the same place during the coming year.

Yours fraternally,

A. G. BURR.

DISPENSATIONS GENERAL.

I was called upon during the year to grant a large number of dispensations to elect and install officers after the legal date had passed, for public installations of officers, and to confer degrees in less than the time fixed by our laws. In all cases where dispensations were granted to confer degrees in less than the usual time, I made it a condition precedent that the candidate should pass the customary examination in open lodge.

I refused to grant a number of requests to confer degrees in less than the regular time where the reasons given did not, in my judgment, prove sufficient to warrant such a proceeding.

GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

It was my desire and intention that R.·. W.·. Brother Clarence A. Hale (4), Grand Lecturer and Auditor, should continue the work commenced a year ago and make visitations to all lodges in the jurisdiction not inspected last year, and be able to report to this communication that he had completed the task of visiting all the lodges in the state. But here again the severity of the winter disarranged our plans and Brother Hale was unable to carry out his work.

In view of the work already done along this line, it would appear to me that the original intention should be carried out, and the records of particular lodges placed on a systematic basis of accounting.

CODIFICATION OF LAWS.

Agreeably to the action of the last annual communication, R.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, issued in February of this year the "Law of Freemasonry in North Dakota," containing the Ancient Charges and Regulations, Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Resolutions, Approved Decisions, Masonic Code and Appendix of General Forms.

Brother Thompson spent a great amount of hard work and time in preparing this publication, and is entitled to high praise for its accuracy, excellent arrangement of contents and splendid indexing.

I urge the Masters of particular lodges to read carefully this codification of our laws, and to consult it whenever perplexed or called

upon to settle any question of law or precedent. The frequent use of the publication will obviate the necessity of asking the Grand Master or Grand Secretary many elementary questions.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

At the request of the Master and Wardens of Star in the West Lodge No. 33, of Minot, I laid the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in that city, Saturday, June 1st, 1907, according to the ancient customs of the craft. The provisional Grand Lodge on that occasion was made up as follows:

Grant S. Hager (30), Grand Master,
John Riessbeck (32), Deputy Grand Master,
Thomas E. Fox (47), Acting Senior Grand Warden,
Halfdan Bendeke (4), Junior Grand Warden,
Clinton D. Lord (26), Grand Treasurer,
S. G. White (33), Acting Grand Secretary,
N. E. Ellsworth (33), Acting Grand Chaplain,
Charles Sangali (72), Acting Senior Grand Deacon,
U. G. Morrison (69), Acting Junior Grand Deacon,
L. S. Kennedy (16), Acting Senior Grand Steward,
Harry Walker (4), Acting Junior Grand Steward,
Joseph M. Devine (18), Acting Grand Marshal,
Thor. Moeller (21), Acting Grand Pursuivant,
Frank A. Cousins (56), Grand Sword Bearer,
D. H. Kimball (33), Acting Grand Tyler.

De Molay Commandery No. 10, under command of Sir Knight L. W. Gammons, acted as escort to the provisional Grand Lodge. The ceremonies were witnessed by about two hundred Masons from Minot and surrounding towns and fully eight hundred citizens of the city of Minot. The five Grand Lodge officers who were present on that occasion had many courtesies extended to them by the Minot brethren. The new temple bids fair to be an ornate, substantial, convenient and commodious building, and the members of Star in the West Lodge are to be commended for their zeal in undertaking such a labor, and are to be congratulated on the certain success of their plans.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

During my term of office I have approved the by-laws of the following particular lodges:

Occidental Lodge No. 27, Hope.
Berthold Lodge No. 72, Berthold.
Velva Lodge No. 76, Velva.
Buffalo Lodge No. 77, Buffalo.

In each instance before giving my approval, I sent the by-laws to our Grand Secretary for comparison and correction, and he willingly assumed the added burden. It appears to me that particular lodges attempt to cover too much ground in their by-laws. A few simple rules pertaining to meetings, dues and fees, services and compensation of officers and an order of business, will, with the Grand Lodge laws, and the well settled principles of Masonry, keep any lodge in the straight and narrow path.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During my term of office, I have issued commissions, upon the recommendations of the Grand Masters of the stated jurisdictions, to the following named brethren:

Judge H. D. Leask, North Bay, Ont., near the Grand Lodge of Canada.
John G. Gopsill, Jersey City, near the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
Marvin T. Truby, Independence, near the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
Aristippe Dem Schortsanitis, Athens, near the Grand Lodge of Greece.
Henry J. Brown, Brisbane, near the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

I have also recommended the names of brethren of this grand jurisdiction to be appointed representatives near this Grand lodge from the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, Greece and Cuba. As yet the commissions for these appointees have not arrived, but will be received in the due course of business.

A GROWING SURPLUS.

At the organization of this Grand Lodge June 12-13, 1889, at Mitchell, South Dakota, there were 31 lodges in North Dakota with a total membership of 1,322. There has been a steady growth of both lodges and members until now, when we have a total of 78 chartered lodges with 5,829 members, and 5 lodges U.·. D.·., with a membership of 111, or a total of 83 lodges and 5,940 members. This shows a gain of 52 lodges and 4,618 members. In all this time no lodge within the jurisdiction has surrendered its charter, and in no year has the growth in membership fallen below a healthy increase.

During the five years last past we have established 17 new lodges and gained 1,942 members, or an annual increase of more than three new lodges and practically 390 members.

No readjustment of fees and dues required from particular lodges to be paid to the Grand Lodge has been made since the organization of this grand body in 1889, and I am convinced that the time has arrived when the matter should, at least, be discussed. My own conclusion, from a careful analysis of the present financial condition of the Grand Lodge, the sources of its revenue, and its necessary or probable expenditures, is that a substantial reduction should be made in the amount of dues required to be paid to the Grand Lodge on the membership of particular lodges.

By referring to the report of the Finance Committee made to the fourteenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge, June 23rd, 1903, I find there was a balance of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the close of the preceding year of $5,744.32. This was increased to $6,864.38 in 1904, to $8,148.38 in 1905, to $9.052.66 in 1906, and was $10,572.82 as shown by the last annual report. To this will be added a substantial sum from the excess of receipts over expenses for the current year. This balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the past five years, exclusive of the current year, has had an annual average increase of $966, or about twenty per cent.

I know of no reason why this Grand Lodge should go on piling up a surplus or free balance in its treasury at the expense of the particular lodges. The reasons which existed eighteen years ago for requiring annual dues of seventy-five cents per member are no longer valid. Our chief sources of revenue come from dues and from the percentage of the fees for work done by particular lodges. The prosperous lodge which is constantly adding to its membership can easily afford to pay the fees now required, while the lodge struggling in a decadent community, with a decreasing roll of members, is often hard pressed to pay its running expenses and find funds for Grand Lodge dues. For this reason, it appears just to me that the reduction should be made in the amount required for dues, rather than from the percentage from fees. I personally believe a reduction of twenty-five cents per member can be made in the annual dues, and recommend such action to your earnest consideration.

ALLOWANCE TO GRAND MASTER.

Having served as Grand Master for a year, and realizing the pressure of the duties and obligations of the office, as well as the expenses, I am of the opinion that the allowance made for the Grand Master, $200, should be materially increased. Such an increase would allow the Grand Master to make visitations which would augment the interest throughout the jurisdiction, revive the flagging fervor in many lodges where it is at low ebb, and cause many masonic gatherings during the year of incalculable benefit to the craft. An allowance of from $400 to $500 would be none too large in my judgment.

MASONIC HOME FUND.

As a member of the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge in 1902, I suggested to the committee a plan for creating a Masonic Home Fund. Accordingly in their report of that year the committee made the following recommendation:

"That the interest from money on deposit, and all fines hereafter collected, be set aside as a special fund to form the nucleus for a Home for Indigent Master Masons, their widows and orphans."

The recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge, since which time the fund has grown to $895.60.

At the last annual communication a very profitable discussion of the objects and benefits of a Masonic Home resulted from a motion of M.·. W.·. Brother W. L. Stockwell (11), Past Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to embody in the Grand Lodge proceedings an article on the subject. Owing to the fact that such an article as was contemplated by the Grand Secretary would require some months to prepare, I consented to have the proceedings printed without it, and had hoped that ere this the Grand Secretary would have issued a pamphlet on the subject. An unusual press of business in his office has prevented this however.

The question of a Masonic Home is very near to my herat. It appeals to me as a proper method of carrying into practical operation the idea of masonic charity—a fundamental principle of our institution. The aged Master Mason, who, through adversity or disease, has come to want, the widow who has been deprived of the affection and support of her husband, and the helpless and homeless orphans who are robbed of the fostering care of parents, cry out to us for succor and protection. It is our plain duty, and should be our pleasure, to make proper provision for these unfortunate objects of our charity.

We are living in a young and prosperous commonwealth,—a state which was peopled but a few short years ago by young men and young women. Gray hairs and wrinkles were the exception until recently, but they are rapidly making their appearance. The time is approaching when a Masonic Home will be a crying necessity, and I feel that we should make more ample provision for its establishment now, during the years of our vigor and prosperity, than we are doing.

Many lodges in the jurisdiction have substantial relief or charity funds created by setting aside a percentage of their gross annual receipts. I wish every lodge within the state had such a fund, and it appears to me that we can largely increase our present Home Fund by inaugurating the system of setting aside yearly a fixed portion of our total income. I recommend to your consideration such a plan, and seriously urge the necessity of the adoption of this or some other scheme to increase more rapidly the funds set apart for the building of a Masonic Home in this jurisdiction.

NO DECISIONS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, which usually has an opportunity to demonstrate that human wisdom is most fallible and faulty, will not have occasion to reverse any of the decisions of the Grand Master for the term of 1906-1907. I have not been called upon to answer any questions which required the establishment of any new precedent, or the interpretation of any obscure or ambiguous section of our laws. The

few questions which were submitted to me, were of such a character that I had only to refer the interrogator to the established law of this jurisdiction as embodied either in the constitution and by-laws of our Grand Lodge or the approved decisions of my predecessors.

IN CONCLUSION.

Before closing this report I wish to extend my thanks to all the officers of this Grand Lodge and the various particular lodges for their universal and unfailing courtesy and kindness during my incumbency. I owe especial thanks to M.·.W.·.Brother Frank J. Thompson (1), our efficient Grand Secretary, for his valuable counsel and ready assistance in many perplexing matters. The Grand Lodge of North Dakota is to be congratulated on having as its Grand Secretary a man whose attainments and temperament especially fit him for the duties of his office. Until one has been intimately acquainted with the multitude of duties and tasks which fall upon his shoulders, he can have no appreciation of the volume and variety of his work. I trust Brother Thompson may long be spared to serve this Grand Lodge in his present capacity.

For the dignity and honor you have conferred upon me in selecting me to preside over such a splendid body of men as the Masonic Grand Lodge of North Dakota, I sincerely thank you. I was deeply mindful of the obligations of the office a year ago, but am more so today. I have striven during the year to do my full duty, and to conduct myself so that through me no dishonor should attach to the institution. I am but human, and if I have failed in my purpose it has been through a lack of judgment or knowledge and not from intent.

I trust, brethren, that we more fully appreciate the beauty and symmetry of Masonry as we advance in years and experience. Its symbolism teaches all the valuable lessons of human life, and its principles and tenets have been the inspiration and guide of thousands of the noblest lives in this and past generations.

It is my sincere wish that our proceedings may be marked by that peace and harmony which the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man require, and that much good may result from our deliberations.

Fraternally submitted, GRANT S. HAGER,
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26) then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

As your Grand Treasurer I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of my office for the fiscal year just ended.

RECEIPTS.

1906. June 25.	Balance on hand as per last report	$11,218.42
July 5.	Received from Grand Secretary	120.00
1907. June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	2.00
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	28.86
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	115.00
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	10.00
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	39.83
June 20.	Received from Grand Secretary	10.00
June 22.	Received from Grand Secretary	6.40
June 24.	Received from Interest	240.00
June 24.	Received from Grand Secretary	7.83
June 24.	Received from Grand Secretary	6,165.75
	Total receipts	$17,964.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Order No. 296	$200.00
Paid Order No. 297	126.00
Paid Order No. 298	200.00
Paid Order No. 299	100.00
Paid Order No. 300	25.00
Paid Order No. 301	25.00
Paid Order No. 302	1,042.55
Paid Order No. 303	36.25
Paid Order No. 304	126.00
Paid Order No. 305	126.00
Paid Order No. 306	200.00
Paid Order No. 307	100.00
Paid Order No. 308	126.00
Paid Order No. 309	126.00
Paid Order No. 310	290.63
Paid Order No. 311	100.00
Paid Order No. 312	126.00
Paid Order No. 313	126.00
Paid Order No. 314	100.00
Paid Order No. 315	18.50
Paid Order No. 316	200.00
Paid Order No. 317	126.00
Paid Order No. 318	126.00
Paid Order No. 319	500.00
Paid Order No. 320	100.00
Paid Order No. 321	126.00
Paid Order No. 322	126.00

MASONIC TEMPLE, EDGELEY, NORTH DAKOTA. Built at a cost of $10,000.

Paid Order No. 323	120.00
Paid Order No. 324	200.00
Paid Order No. 325	126.00
Paid Order No. 326	15.00
Paid Order No. 327	300.00
Paid Order No. 328	32.00
June 24, 1907—Balance	12.547.16
	$17,964.09

Fraternally submitted,
CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

M.'. W.'. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then read his annual report.

To the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of North Dakota:

I have the pleasure as your Grand Secretary to submit my fifteenth annual report.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

The returns of the chartered lodges, with two or three exceptions, were received all within the statutory time; but, for some reason, they came in slower than the previous year, or rather nearer the time limit, and, consequently, the work of compiling statistical information and closing up books was necessarily delayed; for until the last return was correct the books could not be closed and reports made.

It is needless to go into details regarding the many little things which arise in annual return work; but there are a few instances which may be of general interest, and illustrative of some of the things which are encountered in this work, are the following: In one instance, we found that the Master of one of the old lodges does not appear upon the records as a member of his lodge, although he has been an active member for a number of years. We found this fact when making up the Credential Committee report in trying to ascertain his given name. His card showed petition received, but no election, he having joined by affiliation; and neither do the returns for all of the years since he became a member of that lodge show that he was ever elected. Doubtless he was, but the error was found so near the Grand Lodge session that we did not have time to go into the matter at present.

We found many instances, where dimits were reported, that the brothers had never been returned as members of the lodge, and through this one series of errors more than twenty dollars have been collected for back dues and fees. Some of these omissions doubtless arose from the

fact that the work was done for the lodges by other lodges and that the conferring lodges either failed to report the work, or if they did, the Secretaries neglected to make record of it.

At other times it was reported death of a brother which brought the fact to light that the brother had never been reported upon the returns as a member, yet the records of the lodge when searched would reveal that he was a member.

It was necessary in several instances to give the full roster of the membership of a lodge to the Secretary so that he could check up his own records and let us know where the discrepancy in membership occurred. And it has ocurred to me that if our Grand Lodge did not have its present system of keeping Grand Lodge membership records, what a frightful confusion there would be in the membership in a few years; for even the slightest letting down of the bars of accuracy would, in a short time, render it impossible to know just what our membership would be. One can readily see how an injustice might be done, perhaps to the dead, if the record of his being a Mason was not recorded in the Grand Secretary's office, in that some dependent, living person would be deprived of the benefits of our institution.

The Grand Secretary's office has been obliged to write—I will not say dozens—but hundreds of letters to individual members to supply data which should have been incorporated in the petitions and transcribed to the annual returns. Indeed, it is remarkable the number of omissions in this regard. I think if lodges could be impressed, that the records of each one of its members is a permanent matter, and that an error might affect a generation, or generations, following that they would take more pains with this little item. Our records are not temporary things, but are intended to live after us; and those who come after us would be as much disappointed in finding no data of those from whom they descended as we do in looking over the records of our ancestors.

RECEIPT OF RETURNS.

Following out the custom which I have adopted for the past few years, I submit the following lists. The first shows those whose returns, with money, were received in the Grand Secretary's office prior to May 3rd:

April 17th.—Hope No. 29, Oakes,
April 18th.—Fidelity No. 52, Drayton,
April 19th.—North Star No. 16, Larimore,
April 20th.—Forest River No. 28, Inkster,
April 22nd.—Crescent No. 11, Grafton,
April 22nd.—Dickey No. 63, Dickey,
April 24th.—Sanborn No. 14, Sanborn,
April 25th.—Bathgate No. 23, Bathgate,

April 25th.—Golden Valley No. 26, Park River,
April 25th.—Dacotah No. 55, Mayville,
April 26th.—Jamestown No. 6, Jamestown,
April 29th.—Pembina No. 2, Pembina,
April 29th.—Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks,
April 29th.—Hamilton No. 35, Hamilton,
April 29th.—Fairmount No. 37, Fairmount,
April 29th.—Cando No. 40, Cando,
April 29th.—Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau,
April 29th.—Devotion No. 61, Harvey,
April 29th.—Westhope No. 74, Westhope,
April 30th.—Anchor No. 25, Milnor,
April 30th.—Dickinson No. 32, Dickinson,
April 30th.—Welcome No. 54, Churches Ferry,
May 1st.—Shiloh No. 1, Fargo,
May 1st.—Hiram No. 20, Page,
May 1st.—Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake,
May 2nd.—Goose River No. 19, Portland,
May 2nd.—Occidental No. 27, Hope,
May 2nd.—Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon,
May 2nd.—Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan,
May 2nd.—Aurora No. 56, Carrington.

The following list shows receipt of returns within fifteen days after last meeting:

	No. of Days.		No. of Days.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	1	Mandan No. 8, Mandan	10
Sanborn No. 14, Sanborn	2	Cereal No. 9, Tower City	10
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River	2	Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	10
Forest River No. 28, Inkster	2	Rolla No. 66, Rolla	10
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	2	Velva No. 76, Velva	10
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	2	Star in the West No. 33, Minot	11
Aurora No 56, Carrington	2	Hamilton No. 35, Hamilton	12
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	3	Fairmount No. 37, Fairmount	12
Anchor No. 25, Milnor	3	Northern Light No. 45, Coopers-town	12
Dickinson No. 32, Dickinson	4	Milton No. 48, Milton	12
Century No. 60, New Rockford	4	Devotion No. 61, Harvey	12
Crescent No. 11, Grafton	5	Hiram No. 20, Page	13
Independence No. 59, Leal	5	Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	13
Dickey No. 63, Dickey	5	Willow No. 47, Willow City	15
Khurum No. 58, Gilby	9	Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	15
Corinthian No. 78, Calvin	8	Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	13
Jamestown No. 6, Jamestown	9	Goose River No. 19	14
Occidental No. 27, Hope	6	Bowbells No. 75, Bowbells	15
Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan	8		

In the following list, I give the names of those lodges which have raised nine or more, and also membership of lodge, so that comparisons may be made between the number on the roster and the raisings:

	Raisings.	Membership.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	30	497
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	17	259
Jamestown No. 6, Jamestown	11	157
Valley City No. 7, Valley City	17	137
Cereal No. 9, Tower City	9	55
Sheyenne Valley No. 12, Lisbon	10	97
Ellendale No. 13, Ellendale	10	86
Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake	13	155
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River	9	76
Occidental No. 27, Hope	19	133
Dickinson No. 32, Dickinson	13	131
Cando No. 40, Cando	12	81
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	10	112
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	9	90
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	12	77
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	9	87
Rugby No. 65, Rugby	10	76
Rolla No. 66, Rolla	18	101
Mohall No. 73, Mohall	20	41
Westhope No. 74, Westhope	9	49
Velva No. 76, Velva	9	37
Corinthian No. 78, Calvin	22	62

The following are lodges whose membership is less than last year:

Shiloh No. 1, Fargo.
Mandan No. 8.
Hillsboro No. 10.
North Star No. 16, Larimore.
Minto No. 17.
Bathgate No. 23.
Temple No. 30, St. Thomas.
Golden Fleece No. 31, Forman.
Hamilton No. 35.
St. Johns No. 36, Forest River.
Maple River No. 41, Edgeley.
Evergreen No. 46, Minnewaukan.
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton.
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville.
Devotion No. 61, Harvey.

The following lodges show no increase in membership, it being the same as last year:

Pembina No. 2.
Crescent No. 11, Grafton.
Tongue River No. 22, Cavalier.
Forest River No. 28, Inkster.
Century No. 60, New Rockford.
Hunter No. 62.
Prudence No. 67, Cogswell.

From above statistics it well be seen that fifteen lodges show a decrease, and six lodges no increase. The decrease in some instances is due to the number suspended for non-payment of dues, which has been larger this year than in previous years. The number of deaths at close of year was 43 as against 34 the year previous. We are fortunate in having no expulsions last fiscal year. The Grand Lodge membership is 5,945 as against 5,567 last year, an increase of 378. The increase in membership this year is less than last. The number of raisings during the year were 522 as against 506 last year. The number admitted by affiliation was 128 as against 131 last year, a decrease of 3. The amount received for dues and fees this year is $6,165.75 as against $5,974.50, an increase of only $191.25. It would be amiss to say that we are not moving along the lines of prosperity, but our ratio of growth was not so great as in years prior. Doubtless one factor was the rigorous winter which completely obstructed communications with towns for several months, disarranged plans and brought discouragement to many aspirants for the mysteries of our order. I cannot conceive of anything else that would bring about the showing in face of the general prosperity which pervades our country and our state.

No new Grand Lodge has knocked for recognition at our doors during the present year.

The Grand Lodge of Alberta, which was officially recognized by this Grand Lodge last year, has been officially notified of the action of this Grand Lodge.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

There are some matters for consideration by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

FINANCE.

The Finance Committee having checked up our books and vouchers, and having prepared a report, it seems unnecessary for your Grand Secretary to give a detailed statement of his financial transactions.

CODE.

In accordance with instructions of the Grand Lodge, our Masonic Code was put into shape and printed in the form and manner which is familiar to you all. Six hundred copies were printed, and every Grand Lodge in the world with which we are in communication was complimented with a copy, also copies sent to our particular lodges, and to all the grand and past grand officers. How well the work on this compilation was done, the brethren are doubtless able to judge for themselves; but one th'ng your Grand Secretary knows, that it was no small task to classify, compare, read proof, make up index, and arrange all details for its final printing and distribution.

LIST OF REGULAR LODGES.

Masonry is still annoyed by clandestine lodges in a number of states, and in order to prevent recognition and visitation from members of these lodges, our Grand Lodge, with many others, has been furnishing its particular lodges with a copy of what is known as "Tableau of Regular Lodges." This list is published annually, and the last one which this Grand Lodge furnished to its particular lodges was published two years ago. Last year it hardly seemed expedient to go to the expense of furnishing new lists, but now, as two years have elapsed since the last was furnished, it might be expedient to purchase a sufficient number of the 1907 edition to supply all of our lodges with a copy each. To me this is one of the best means, not only of knowing what lodges are legitimate, but of ascertaining what lodges are clandestine; and is one of the best safeguards that I know of to prevent clandestine Masons from imposing themselves upon the craft.

RELIEF, CALIFORNIA SUFFERERS.

I am in receipt of a report from our Past Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother Dr. A. B. Herrick, now of Santa Rosa, California, of the disbursement of funds entrusted to his care, and which was donated by the various lodges of this grand jurisdiction for the relief of our brothers from the earthquake in California. This report is in detail, and at least as a compliment to Brother Herrick should be, perhaps, referred to a special committee.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

During the year two of our sister grand lodges have lost their Grand Secretaries, and, by a strange coincidence, one lies on our western boundary and the other, on the eastern boundary. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary of Montana, was, I believe, the dean of the secretarial corps, and a most charming and genial gentleman he was, and his loss has removed a prominent and unique personality from the field of Masonry. He was Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge something over a quarter of a century. Brother Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, passed away very suddenly during the present month. Brother Montgomery had served his Grand Lodge for about two score of years.

A curious feature of both of these deaths is that our office at this writing is not in receipt of any formal notices of the deaths of these two eminent brothers, an oversight which is to be deplored. The work of Brother Hedges has been taken up by his son, and thus we find another one of the numerous instances of the son following in the footsteps of his father in this work. We have not been advised of the appointment of a successor to Brother Montgomery.

GEORGE A. LUCE, PAST GRAND TREASURER.

It was the misfortune of this Grand Lodge to lose one of its oldest and most honored members, R.·. W.·. Past Grand Treasurer Brother George A. Luce, who passed away at his home in Hope, North Dakota, on March 29th, 1907. He had been a constant attendant on the sessions of our Grand Lodge since its organization, and during territorial days was an active and familiar figure in the Grand Lodge. He was truly a Mason in its broadest and most catholic sense, and to him the precepts of our order were more than mere words or ritual. To those who knew him best, the greater will be the appreciation of our loss. Memorial notices were sent to all our particular lodges, and to all sister grand lodges, announcing Brother Luce's demise, and paying such humble tribute as feeble words may pay to one who has lived a just and upright life.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL T. CONNICK.

While on this subject, I feel impelled to mention the name of one brother who passed away in Fargo, on December 26, 1906, and who, though not technically an officer or member of this Grand Lodge, has been so closely identified with all of its annual meetings that, with few exceptions, he was better known to the Masons of the state than any other Mason in our grand jurisdiction. I refer to Brother Captain Samuel Thomas Connick, who rendered most courteous assistance to all of the grand communications held in Fargo; and whose name appears many times upon our records as the recipient of a small token in recognition of his services. For nearly a quarter of a century he tiled the doors of the lodge, chapter and commandery of Fargo, as well as for the Scottish Rite and the Shrine.

Brother Connick was a unique character, one that stood out distinctly from his associates, and in that distinction possessed that ineffable something which attracts respect and cements friendship. I was daily present during his last illness, and present when he passed away. He told me a few days before the end that he did not fear to pass through the doors of death, but he hated to leave his friends. Friendship to him was a holy and binding thing, and, perhaps, because he possessed the sense of friendship so strong, it drew the friendship of others to him. He was buried from the Masonic Temple, at Fargo, and later taken to his old home in St. Stephen, New Brunswick. His widow accompanied the remains, and has settled there amid the scenes of her childhood.

LIBRARY.

In regard to this interesting part of our Grand Lodge machinery, would say that during the year a large number of interesting volumes have been added to it, as well as a number of interesting pieces to the curios department.

I cannot help but think that the library, which is accessible to all persons, whether Masons or not, stands out pre-eminently among those who are not Masons as a factor contradistinguishing our fraternity from all other fraternities; and serves as a practical demonstration that our institution is a patron of the liberal arts and sciences, of which so strong a point is made in our lectures; and that it places Masonry in the list of those institutions which make for the intellectual advancement of humanity. I believe we all feel it a fact that our institution holds a unique place in the social fabric of all civilized nations. We cannot perpetuate a fact in theory, and must demonstrate in some way that the fact exists. Homes for indigent members do not alone belong to the masonic fraternity; schools for orphan children stand out more prominently; and in other institutions we have more or less of rivals; but in the matter of libraries in which the knowledge of things may be obtained, I believe I can truthfully say that Masonry stands alone among all fraternal organizations. It affords me one of the greatest pleasures of my work to show to the world that we as Masons recognize the necessity of intelligence and intelligent information concerning those things which are factors in civilization, and which bring a clearer survey of the field into which intelligent men are placed.

CONCLUSION.

And now, brothers, in conclusion I can but assemble in my mind the thoughts which have come to me and been expressed in previous finales to my reports as Grand Secretary. It might seem like a play on words to say that, after all said and done, the greatest thing in Masonry is fraternity, and the recognition of the common bond of brotherhood which runs through humanity.

Out of the diversities of interests and temperaments, grow more or less of the discords we find in life, and from the discords we see the sorrow and the griefs which hover above us like ravens. Minds unconsciously, like the tones of bells, sooner or later find those that are in affinity, and group themselves into coteries, societies and institutions. Not always in a particular sense, but generally, the man who seeks to be a Mason is more or less in accord with those who are Masons, and in that way we segregate ourselves from others and form the union which is called Freemasonry. The pulse of discords felt are but the result of our own imperfections, and while we who are near feel the disonance, yet when the grand diapason is heard, as it comes welling up to greater heights, we hear only the combined harmony of those who are turned toward us. It would be presumtuous to say that Masonry stood alone in this combination; for it is true of all, or nearly all, societies in which the great thought is the common thought of those who join their destinies with it.

We meet here to-day, not for self-aggrandizement, not for display of power, not for selfish interests; but that the great power which has brought us here, which has made so many sacrifices of time, and money, and conveniences, is that one great, wonderful factor, fraternity, the love of good-fellowship, the almost hidden feeling within our hearts to meet and mingle with those who have a common interest in some one great human factor. And thus to me these meetings possess an interest that may not be seen nor felt if we look only at the surface of things. To you all—and all of you have been kind to me—I am glad that I can again greet you and renew the old and pleasant relations, and create new ones which I trust will blossom like the rose into memories that the future will hold most dear.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
Grand Secretary.

REPORT—GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

W.·. Brother Clarence A. Hale (4), Grand Lecturer and Auditor, made a verbal report, which, in substance, was to the effect that he had not performed any duties during the year, because of the failure of the Grand Lodge to adopt or authorize some one to prepare a system of keeping records for particular lodges; that unless there could be a uniformity in such records the task of auditing the same, and giving instructions in methods, was both unsatisfactory and unfruitful.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Agreeably to the regulation of the Grand Lodge, your Finance Committee met prior to the Grand Lodge session, and audited the books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian, and found that all expenditures have been duly itemized, and are accompanied with signed vouchers, and the money distributed properly and in accordance with our law. The books of account and vouchers, and all details of keeping account of expenditures, it highly commends as clear and accurate. Your committee appends a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Balance last report, general fund	$10,572.82
Balance last report, Masonic Home fund	645.60
Charter fees, Bowbells Lodge No. 75	30.00
Charter fees, Velva Lodge No. 76	30.00
Charter fees, Buffalo Lodge No. 77	30.00
Charter fees, Corinthian Lodge No. 78	30.00
Dispensation fees, Glenburn Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Antler Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Balfour Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Edmore Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Lansford Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Membership outfits, Velva Lodge No. 76	6.65
Membership outfits, Corinthian Lodge No. 78	7.45
Membership outfits, Buffalo Lodge No. 77	8.35
Membership outfits, Fidelity Lodge No. 52	6.41
Membership outfits, Bowbells Lodge No. 75	6.40
Sale G. L. Codes	2.00
Fines, delayed returns, Minto Lodge No. 17 (1905)	5.00
Fines, delayed returns, Independence Lodge No. 59 (1906)	5.00
Grand Lodge dues and fees 1907	6,165.75
Interest	240.00
	$17,906.43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and per diem 1906	$1,042.55
Premium on bonds, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	26.25
Printing proceedings 1906	290.63
Membership register	198.31
Aprons, grand officers	18.50
Grand Lodge Code and compiling	585.17
Grand Lodge Librarian's salary	200.00
Miscellaneous appropriations	1,957.00
Grand Secretary's fee for dispensations	15.00
Miscellaneous printing	43.23
Express, freight and postage	109.99
Engrossing charters	9.75
Furniture and fixtures	39.52
Miscellaneous contingent	591.37
Compiling data Masonic Homes	32.00
Amount transfered to library fund, binding cases	200.00
Balance cash on hand, general fund	11,651.56
Balance cash on hand, Masonic Home fund	895.60
Total	$17,906.43

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance last report	$256.29
Library tax 1907	578.80
Transferred from general fund	200.00
Total	$1,035.09

CONTRA.

Library books and binding	$467.94
Library furniture, etc	182.07
Balance on hand	385.08
Total	$1,035.09

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Balance from last report	$645.60
Fines	10.00
Interest 1906-7	240.00
Total	$895.60
Balance on hand	$895.60
Total	$895.60

Your committee finds that the following lodges failed to send in the money for Grand Lodge dues and fees before the time limit, May 15th, and, therefore, are subject to the $5.00 fine imposed for such delinquency:

Hillsboro Lodge No. 10. Hunter Lodge No. 62. Rugby Lodge No. 65.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$200.00
Grand Librarian	200.00
Printing Proceedings	400.00
Membership Register	200.00
Contingent Fund	825.00
Fraternal Correspondent	100.00
Binding Proceedings and cases	100.00

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

RADIATORS.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following suplemental report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Owing to the faulty radiation in the Grand Secretary's offices and the Library, and viewing the considerable damage caused by the radiators leaking on the books and cases, and some very valuable and rare books having been almost irreparably damaged; and finding that it was necessary yearly to expend considerable sums in repairing radiators, and the expense of repairing the damage done by the leakage, your Finance Committee believe it would be economy to replace the old radiation with new and later and better kind.

After advising and obtaining estimates on the work necessary and proper, your committee recommends an appropriation of $75.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the installing of new radiators in the Grand Secretary's offices and Library.

Fraternaly submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
Committee.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of the reports of grand officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to Fraternal Dead be referred to a Committee on Fraternal Dead.

2. That so much as refers to dispensations granted for new lodges be referred to a Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·., as well as the matter referring to fixing date definite after which a dispensation for a new lodge shall not issue.

3. That so much thereof as refers to Grand Lecturer and Auditor be referred to a Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor.

4. That so much thereof as refers to the reduction in the amount of dues from particular lodges be referred to the Committe on Finance.

5. That so much thereof as refers to increasing the allowance of the Grand Master be referred to Committee on Finance.

6. That so much thereof as refers to Masonic Homes be referred to a special Committee on Masonic Home Fund.

7. That so much thereof as refers to lodges constituted, open air communication of Tuscan Lodge, general dispensations, codification of laws, laying of corner stones, approving of by-laws, appointment of Grand Representatives, the same coming so clearly within the prerogatives of the Grand Master, do not need reference.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

8. That the report of the Grand Treasurer, having been checked up by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

9. That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to chartered lodges be referred to a Committee on Chartered Lodges.

10. That so much thereof as refers to matters for consideration by the Committee on Grievances and Appeals, be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

11. That so much thereof as refers to "Tableau of Regular Lodges" for distribution among our particular lodges be referred to a special Committee on Regular Lodges.

12. That so much thereof as refers to report of M.·. W.·. Brother Dr. Albert B. Herrick, and the distribution of relief funds by him, be referred to a special Committee on California Relief.

13. That the other matters contained in the report of the Grand Secretary do not need reference.

Fraternally submitted,

FRED G. KNEELAND (6),
FRANK SIMS (47),
MILO J. PITKIN (76),
GILBERT McEACHERN (30),
Committee.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following Committees:

Credentials—Henry G. Vick (2), Frank J. King (30), James McGuigan (1).
Division and Reference—Fred G. Kneeland (6), Frank Sims (47), W. A. Dillon (5) Gilbert McEachern (30), Milo J. Pitkin (76).

Fraternal Dead—Joseph M. Stewart (55), Arthur J. Kesler (41), Clarence Ellithorpe (51), Elmer W. Wetherbee (37), Winthrop S. Mitchell (17).

Lodges U.·. D.·.—Robert S. Campbell (12), William Wiltschke (56), Jorgen Howard (10), William I. Irvine (53), Augustus P. Folsom (32).

Grand Lecturer and Auditor—George L. Ryerson (73), Henry D. Bloss (63), J. Dexter Peirce (16), Benjamin F. Lavalley (42), George H. Soule (43).

Masonic Home Fund—DeWitt C. Moore (11), George E. Duis (4), James Johnson (33), Halley V. Hicks (29), Walter L. Williamson (12).

Chartered Lodges—Ralph E. Knowlton (75), Eugene H. Cowell (46), William R. Wiggins (26), James McCormick (54), George A. White (19).

Tableau Regular Lodges—Joseph Able, Jr. (72), James A. McHattie (77), James M. Paige (13), Thomas R. McLaughlin (50), Walter Nelson (59).

California Relief—Eward C. Gearey (1), Harry E. Blair (49), George E. Springsted (38), Edward S. Babcock (15), John G. Boatman (25).

Mileage and Per Diem—Evarts C. Stevens (43), James F. Derby (23), Harry Lord (40), John Heneman (2), Robert McBride (22).

TIME SET FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

R.·. W.·. Brother Clinton D. Lord (26) moved:

That the election of grand officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Carried.

At 3:45 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 5:30 p. m.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 5:30 p. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of R.·. W.·. Brother John Riessbeck (32), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges reports as follows: That the returns of the several chartered lodges, filed with the Grand Secretary, be accepted as filed.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH E. KNOWLTON (75),
EUGENE H. COWELL (46),
WILLIAM R. WIGGINS (26),
JAMES McCORMICK (54),
GEORGE A. WHITE (19),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON TABLEAU REGULAR LODGES.

The Committee on Tableau of Regular Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of Brother Joseph Able, Jr. (72), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the purchasing of a sufficient number of copies of the "Tableau of Regular Lodges," to furnish each particular lodge in this grand jurisdiction with one, as a precautionary measure against imposition by clandestine Masons, respectfully recommends that the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to purchase a sufficient number of this publication to furnish each lodge in this grand jurisdiction with a copy, the Grand Lodge paying the expense thereof.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH ABLE, JR. (72),
JAMES A. McHATTIE (77),
JAMES M. PAIGE (13),
THOMAS R. McLAUGHLIN (50),
WALTER NELSON (59),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE CALIFORNIA RELIEF.

The Committee on California Relief made the following report, which, on motion of Brother Edward C. Gearey (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on California Relief, to whom was referred the report of M.·. W.·. Brother Albert B. Herrick, of Santa Rosa, California,

Past Grand Master of this grand jurisdiction, relative to receipts and disbursements by him on behalf of the Masons of North Dakota, for the relief of brethren in California suffering from the earthquake disaster of April, 1906, would respectfully submit that we have examined his itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, and find them to balance.

Your Committee feels that the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to Brother Herrick for his labors and courtesy in the matter, which are hereby extended with fraternal greetings.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD C. GEAREY (1),
HARRY E. BLAIR (49),
GEORGE E. SPRINGSTED (38),
EDWARD S. BABCOCK (15),
JOHN G. BOATMAN (25),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE MASONIC HOME FUND.

The Committee on Masonic Home Fund made the following report, and its adoption was moved by W.·. Brother DeWitt C. Moore (11):

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the Masonic Home Fund, would beg leave to report as follows:

First, it is the sense of your committee that a further effort should be made to create a fund for the establishment of a Masonic Home in this grand jurisdiction.

Second, in our judgment the establishment of such a home must necessarily be in the distant future, but our good will and charitable intention can be shown by a reasonable provision therefor.

Your committee would therefore recommend that 25 per cent of the net annual surplus of the receipts of this Grand Lodge, over expenditures, be transferred annually to the fund known as the Masonic Home Fund, in addition to moneys already appropriated for that purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

DeWITT C. MOORE (11),
GEORGE E. DUIS (4),
JAMES JOHNSON (33),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12),
Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLED IN FRONT OF MASONIC TEMPLE, GRAND FORKS, N. D., JUNE 26th, 1907.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved as a substitute:

That the matter contained in the report of the Committee on Masonic Home Fund be deferred until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

After an animated discussion, participated in by many of the members of the Grand Lodge, the substitute prevailed.

LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. presented its report, and its adoption was moved by W.·. Brother Robert S. Campbell (12). The committee in its report gave as a reason for not recommending the issuing of a charter to Antler, Balfour, Lansford and Edmore lodges that these lodges had not conferred the degree of Master Mason; also fixed a time limit after which the Grand Master could not grant a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved as a substitute:

That the report be referred back to the committee with instructions to eliminate from its report all reference to its reasons for not recommending charters; i. e., because these lodges had not conferred the degree of Master Mason; also to eliminate that part relating to limiting the time in which a dispensation for a new lodge could be granted by the Grand Master.

Carried.

The hour being 7 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

June 26th, 1907.

At 9:30 a. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Clarence Ellithorpe (51), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

One by one we are called upon by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to lay down our working tools. In active life, as our journey toward the west grows shorter, The Supreme Omnipotence calls us, now this one and now that one, and will not be denied. Whatever our station in life may be, all must die and leave behind a record of their lives whether it be good or evil.

Many eminent brethren of our sister grand jurisdictions have, during the past year, answered the dread summons. Twenty-two in all they number, men of sterling worth and preeminent service. We who remain may gather inspiration from their good examples, and learn the many lessons their lives afford.

In the death of Brother Geo. A. Luce, of Occidental Lodge No. 27, Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge during the years 1893-4, who passed away at his home at Hope, N. D., on March 29, 1907, we recognize a distinct loss, and call attention to the exemplary life and character of this active and consistent Mason.

For these, and all our fraternal dead, the Grand Lodge of this grand jurisdiction records its heartfelt sympathy.

Whatever our masonic labors, whether we be leaders in the councils of our brethren, or but humble workers among the craftsmen, our inspiration to the fulfillment of our masonic duty is largely gathered from the examples of those who have gone before.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
ARTHUR J. KESLER (41),
CLARENCE ELLITHORPE (51),
E. W. WETHERBEE (37),
WINTHROP S. MITCHELL (17),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Harry Lord (40), was adopted:

(For report, see Appendix following closing.)

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

GRAND MASTER APPROPRIATION.

The Committee on Finance made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to an additional appropriation for Grand Master's expenses, would recommend that the appropriation be placed at three hundred dollars for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
Committee.

REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE—SUPPLEMENTAL.

REDUCTION OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

The Committee on Finance made the following supplemental report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relative to reduction of Grand Lodge dues from particular lodges, respectfully report that your committee does not believe that the finances of the Grand Lodge would warrant a reduction at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
WILLIAM H. THOMAS (67),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

The Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor made the following report, which, on motion of Brother G. L. Ryerson (73), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor respectfully report as follows:

That we recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized, empowered and instructed to devise and prepare a complete system of account and record books, blanks and other forms to be used by all particular lodges in this grand jurisdiction; and to have the same printed in such quantities as he shall deem necessary; that he be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to draw upon the general fund of the Grand Lodge to pay the cost thereof.

We recommend that all particular lodges be required to adopt such system, and purchase from the Grand Secretary such record books, blanks and forms as shall be necessary to make their records complete and in conformity with the system so devised.

We also recommend that the offices of Grand Lecturer and Auditor be continued as one consolidated office, and that the brother appointed to such office shall notify the respective particular lodges in advance of his visitations, and, upon request, shall hold a school of instruction, as well as audit the books.

We further recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed a commission of 20 per cent of the cost price of such blanks and books as compensation for the work required in procuring and handling the same, and that such amount be included in the price to be charged for such blanks and books.

We also recommend that the Grand Auditor and Lecturer visit each and every particular lodge of this grand jurisdiction at least once in every two years.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE L. RYERSON (73),
HENRY D. BLOSS (63),
J. DEXTER PEIRCE (16),
BENJAMIN F. LAVALLEY (42),
GEORGE H. SOULE (43),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which and its adoption was moved by W.·. Brother Robert S. Campbell (12):

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. begs leave to report that it has examined the returns of the five lodges organized under dispensation, and find that Glenburn Lodge U.·. D.·., at Glenburn, was granted a dispensation on the 22nd day of December, 1906, and has held regular communications since that time. It has received a large number of petitions, and has conferred all three degrees, the Master Mason's degree having been conferred upon six candidates. The returns are correct, except that the minutes omit to state the fees for degrees and dues and the time when stated meetings are held. This information, though, is given on the exhibit of work. We recommend that a charter be granted to this lodge. (Adopted.)

Antler Lodge U.·. D.·. The dispensation for this lodge was granted on the 4th of March, and the first stated communication was held on the 11th of March. Petitions have been received from eleven candidates for degrees, and ten of these have been acted upon. The Entered Apprentice degree has been conferred upon seven, and the Fellow Craft upon two candidates. We recommend that the dispensation be continued. (Not adopted; charter granted.)

Balfour Lodge U.·. D.·. The dispensation was granted April 2nd, and the first stated communication held on the 13th of April. The exhibit of work shows seventeen petitions received for degrees and one for affiliation. Nine of these have been acted upon and the Entered Apprentice degree has been conferred upon eight candidates. We would recommend that the dispensation be continued. (Not adopted; charter granted.)

Lansford Lodge U.·. D.·. The dispensation was granted this lodge on the 6th of April, and the first communication was held on the 8th. The exhibit of work shows that eleven petitions for degrees were received and that all of them have been acted upon. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon eleven candidates. We recommend that the dispensation be continued. (Not adopted; charter granted.)

Edmore Lodge U.·. D.·. The dispensation for this lodge was granted on the 9th of April, and the first stated communication was held on the 17th of that month. The copy of the minutes shows that this lodge held but three stated communications. The exhibit of work shows that six petitions for degrees were received, of which but three have been acted upon. The Entered Apprentice degree was conferred upon three candidates. We recommend that the dispensation be continued. (Adopted.)

The correspondence referred to this committee relating to the granting of dispensations just prior to the annual communication of this Grand Lodge has been considered, and the committee recommends that the question of establishing a rule to govern the issuing of dispensations shortly prior to the communication of the Grand Lodge, or as to the continuing of a lodge under dispensation for another year, before granting a charter, be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. (Adopted.) Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT S. CAMPBELL (12),
WILLIAM WILTSCHKE (56),
JORGEN HOWARD (10),
WILLIAM I. IRVINE (53),
AUGUSTUS P. FOLSOM (32),
Committee.

It was moved as an amendment that the report of the Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. be taken up seriatim. Amendment prevailed.

As to Glenburn Lodge, the report of the Committee was adopted.

As to Antler Lodge, the report of the Committee was amended and charter granted.

As to Balfour Lodge, the report of the Committee was amended and charter granted.

As to Lansford Lodge, the report of the Committee was amended and charter granted.

As to Edmore Lodge, the report of the Committee was adopted and dispensation continued.

W.·. Brother Milo J. Pitkin (76), then moved:

That the report as amended and as a whole be adopted.

Carried.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour set for the election of grand officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as tellers W.·. Brothers E. George Guthrie (3), and Walter L. Williamson (12). The election proceeded with the following result:

John Riessbeck (32).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother John McDonald (28), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals begs leave to report as follows:

In the matter of Aurora Lodge No. 56, at Carrington, vs. C. D. Lewis, as found on page 428-9, Proceedings Grand Lodge for 1906, it will be found that the report of your Grievance and Appeals Committee was adopted and the case referred back to Aurora Lodge for further action. Your committee begs leave again to report that the files and report of Aurora Lodge vs. C. D. Lewis be returned to said lodge for further action, and a new ballot be taken by Aurora Lodge upon the evidence in the case now in their possession.

In the matter of Cereal Lodge No. 9, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Tower City, N. D., restoring Brother Edgar Chapman, who had been suspended for N. P. D., we recommend that this Grand Lodge sustain the action of Cereal Lodge No. 9, in restoring Brother Edgar Chapman to membership.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
THOMAS HARRISON (10),
CHARLES K. WING (38),
Committee.

SHEYENNE VALLEY LODGE NO. 12.

DIMIT—RUSSELL.

The following resolution was presented by W.·. Brother Walter L. Williamson (12), who moved its adoption, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, It appears from the records of Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12, of Lisbon, that at a special meeting of said lodge, held on Friday evening, March 16th, 1906, a dimit was granted to Brother Frank J. Russell, and,

WHEREAS, The lodge acted sincerely and in good faith in granting said dimit:

Be it Resolved, That the action of Sheyenne Valley Lodge No. 12, of Lisbon, N. D., be and is hereby sustained and conceded full and sufficient.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence, M.·. E.·. Robert M. Carothers, then presented his report, which was ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

An examination of the proceedings of the grand lodges which have come to our hands shows that the number of decisions rendered by Grand Masters ranges from none to sixty-seven. Many of these, in fact most of them have to do with construction of local masonic statutes.

There seems to be a growing conservatism along many lines, but in some jurisdictions there is a much to be regretted departure from the former hoding as to physical imperfections. It is, nevertheless, refreshing as well as encouraging to see the steadfastness of some jurisdictions. With reference to this point it is certainly true, as the correspondent of Wisconsin says in criticising the style of our reports, that "many of the decisions of grand lodges are notoriously incorrect and ill-considered."

Because of diverse constitutional provisions and variance in by-laws among the several grand lodges, rulings diametrically opposed are to be found on certain points.

Under our present form of masonic government, this is bound to be the case, and in all probability no change in that form will occur during the life of any of us.

Because your correspondent has stated that the general style of report on the work of sister grand lodges too often took the form of controversy between correspondents, I have been censured for expressing an opinion as to soundness of certain rulings. Then again, when two diverse rulings were given without comment, I have been taken to task for not stating which of the two was thought to be the better ruling.

To one whose masonic experience covers but a few years, this is no easy task, for frequently we find grand lodges, whose age is to be counted in scores, approving rulings that cannot commend themselves to us; and again grand lodges, whose very name is the synonym of masonic soundness, seem to follow a tangent.

No sounder philosophy was ever uttered than Burns' "O, wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursels as others see us, it would from mony a blunder free us, and foolish notion."

The work of the correspondent should, above all things, be satisfactory to his own grand lodge whose servant he is; after that to the correspondents and to the craft at large, if possible. That you may be fully advised as to the opinion entertained by the members of the correspondents' guild of the work approved by you as a report, we submit a number of their expressions:

Alabama, damns with faint praise.

British Columbia, does not think much of the scheme, but is willing to let us do as we please.

Connecticut, calls it "an apology for a correspondence report."

California, says it is breaking new ground and will await results.

District of Columbia, intimates that every Grand Lodge has the right to print or omit what it wants.

Florida, is unable to see that is will be of any practical value to anyone.

Georgia is silent on the subject.

Idaho, says that it "reads like a dictionary."

Iowa, thinks "it is not likely to commend itself to others."

Kansas, says "No report on correspondence."

Louisiana, disapproves.

Minnesota, gives a mere passing notice.

Montana, says that it is as complete a travesty of the proper duties of the correspondent as is conceivable.

Michigan, makes no comments, but the silence is very expressive.

Mississippi, a mere notice only.

Nevada, "A carefully selected digest."

Nova Scotia, "It is interesting to note the difference in various Grand Masters' decisions."

New Jersey, 1906, says the digest is well prepared, but wishes it had been the "standard report."

New Jersey, 1907, calls it a compromise between the mere reprint of the decisions and the expression of the opinions of the reporter.

New Mexico, has misconceived our statement relative to criticism.

New Hampshire, says that there was "no report on foreign correspondence."

Oregon, "good enough in their way, cost too much."

Oklahoma, "An abbreviated affair." "The correspondence report is an old and time-honored custom, let us beware how we displace such.

Ohio, "A summary of but little use."

Pennsylvania, says that such a report is very useful, but may not prove interesting or attractive year after year.

South Carolina, questions the value of such a "report."

Texas, prefers "the usual character of a report."

Vermont, "valuable as a digest of decisions but of little interest."

Virginia, "it is absolutely valueless."

West Virginia, finds no satisfaction in it.

Wisconsin, does not like it because "many of the decisions of grand lodges are notoriously incorrect and ill-considered."

West Australia, "Brethren who read the reports on foreign correspondence look for more then 'decisions' and hard statistics."

Notwithstanding all these adverse criticisms one ray of light breaks through the darkness. Our Grand Representative near a sister grand lodge in a letter to our Grand Secretary states, that the style of the report presented by your correspondent for the past several years is exactly what he has been looking for. History is full of instances where to follow the majority was to be led into error and the old Roman proverb, *"Vox populi, vox dei,"* is not, and never was true. Times are when the will of the majority must rule, but never in compromise of principle. Firmness in principle, and pliancy in non-essentials is a rule which, if followed, will insure a greater measure of success than following the majority, simply because it is the majority. The right of a grand lodge to do as seems best to it is admitted by all without question. Your correspondent does not wish to put upon his grand lodge anything that it does not want, but he stands ready to serve it at all times as it may direct.

One cause of annoyance to my brethren of the guild is the small number of pages required to contain our work. Complete information in the form of tabulated statistics would take much less space, but at the same time the craft would be fully advised of the growth and condition of every grand lodge.

This year the decisions are presented without comment. If the Grand Lodge of North Dakota would prefer the "usual style of report" an intimation to that effect will be as binding as a direct command, as far as your correspondent is concerned.

Fraternally

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS.

For Review, see Appendix.

GRAND LODGE BADGES.

The Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that the badges used by the delegates to the Grand Lodge had been furnished by Shiloh and Acacia Lodges at its annual communications respectively at Fargo and Grand Forks; that inasmuch as badges had become a part of the regalia of the Grand Lodge delegates and that the lodge entertaining the Grand Lodge was put to considerable expense, he moved:

That badges for the representatives and members of the Grand Lodge be procured by the Grand Secretary, and paid for out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge pay for the 1907 invoice of badges.

Carried.

At this hour, 12:10 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 4:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 26, 1907.

ORATION OF GRAND ORATOR.

M.·. W.·. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (11) delivered the following oration:

(See Appendix.)

THANKS TO GRAND ORATOR.

The Grand Master elect, M.·. W.·. Brother John Riessbeck (32) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Past Grand Master Stockwell for his able oration, and that the same be printed in full in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

CHANGING HOUR ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

W.·. Brother E. George Guthrie (3) moved the adoption of the following resolution, and which was adopted:

Be it Resolved, That the time for opening the annual communications of this Grand Lodge be set for 10 o'clock a. m., commencing with the annual session in 1908 at Fargo.

DONATION—TYLER ACACIA LODGE.

W.·. Brother William E. Hoover (26) moved:

That as a slight recognition of the services of the Tyler of Acacia Lodge, the sum of $10.00 be appropriated.

Carried.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

W.·. Brother E. George Guthrie (3) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, Milwaukee and Soo railroads for courtesy of reduced transportation.

Carried.

THANKS TO ACACIA LODGE.

M.·. W.·. Brother Louis A. Jacobson (27) moved:

That the Grand Lodge extend its thanks to the officers and members of Acacia Lodge for the cordial reception and hospitable treatment its delegates and members had received at their hands.

Carried.

MASONIC HOME.

W.·. Brother Oscar D. Purinton (45) moved:

That, relative to the Stockwell resolution adopted at the last annual communication regarding statistics of Masonic Homes, the Grand Secretary be given until next year to finish his work.

Carried.

THANKS TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER.

W.·. Brother John McDonald (28) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby extended to the retiring Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother Grant S. Hager (30), for his able and careful administration.

Carried.

INSTALLATION.

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master elect announced his Appointive Officers and Standing Committees. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then appointed W.·. Brother Walter L. Williamson (12) as Marshal, and the following officers were installed:

ELECTED.

John Riessbeck (11).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Dickinson
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Fargo

Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Wahpeton
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

APPOINTED.

Robert Morrison (2).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, Pembina
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, address, Fargo
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Sheldon
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Lisbon
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Marshall, Carrington
Thomas Sims (44).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Bottineau
William Spriggs (4).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Grand Forks
Jorgen Howard (10).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Hillsboro
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator, Grafton
Clarence A. Hale (4)....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor, Grand Forks
Robert M. Carothers (4)....W.·. Fraternal Correspondent, Grand Forks

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence Committee—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope; Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas.

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; William A. Dillon (5), Bismarck; Harry Lord (40), Cando.

Grievances and Appeals Committee—John McDonald (28), Inkster; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; Augustus P. Folsom (32), Dickinson.

TRIAL.

It was moved:

That all reference to the trial which has been in progress during the session of the Grand Lodge, be expunged from the printed proceedings.

Carried.

EPISODES.

On Tuesday evening the delegates and officers of the Grand Lodge were entertained by Acacia Lodge at a banquet followed by a theater party at the Savoy Theater.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, John Riessbeck (32), closed the Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form, at low twelve, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

John Riessbeck

Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

No. 1—Credentials.
No. 2—Mileage and Per Diem.
No. 3—Oration.
No. 4—Suspensions.
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No. 6—Synopsis of Lodge Returns.
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No. 9—Grand Representatives near North Dakota.
No. 10—Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.
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No. 12—Memorial Pages.
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials reports as follows:

We find the following grand officers, past grand officers, members of standing committees, and representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grant S. Hager (30).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
John Riessbeck (32).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator
Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor
John J. Hull (15).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
Robert Morrison (2).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Grand Marshal
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer
William Spriggs as.....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Thomas Sims (44).....W.·. Grand Tyler
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Fraternal Correspondent

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
James McDonald (11).....Past Grand Master
George L. McGregor (6).....Past Grand Master
Robert M. Carothers (4).....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Edwin H. James (30).....Past Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....Past Grand Master
James T. Blacklock (35).....Past Grand Master
James W. Foley (5).....Past Grand Master
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....Past Grand Master
Henry M. Wheeler (4).....Past Grand Master
Charles A. Harris (11).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence—George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope.

Finance—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; William H. Thomas (67), Leeds.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Forest River; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....James McGuigan, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Edward C. Gearey, J.·. W.·.**
Pembina No. 2.....John Heneman, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Henry G. Vicks, S.·. W.·.
Casselton No. 3.....E. George Guthrie**
Acacia No. 4.....William A. Stewart, W.·. M.·.
George E. Duis, S.·. W.·.
William L. Wilder, J.·. W.·.
Bismarck No. 5.....William A. Dillon, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Jamestown No. 6.....Fred G. Kneeland, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Valley City No. 7.....Rew T. Healy, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Mandan No. 8.....Anson Bartlett**
Cereal No. 9.....Robert B. Murphy, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Hillsboro No. 10.....Jorgen Howard, W.·. M.·.**, J.·. W.·.**
Fred L. Goodman, S.·. W.·.
Crescent No. 11.....DeWitt C. Moore, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Sheyenne Valley No. 12..Robert S. Campbell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Ellendale No. 13.....George H. Keyes, W.·. M.·.
James M. Paige, J.·. W.·., S.·. W.·.*
Sanborn No. 14.....Daniel F. Siegfried, W.·. M.·.**
Ralph H. McKean, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*

Wahpeton No. 15.....Edward S. Babcock, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*.
S.·. W.·.*
North Star No. 16.....William C. Ghering, W.·. M.·.
Clarence M. Peatman, S.·. W.·.
J. Dexter Peirce, J.·. W.·.
Minto No. 17.....Winthrop S. Mitchell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*.
J.·. W.·.*
Mackey No. 18.....Not represented.
Goose River No. 19.....George A. White**
Hiram No. 20.....Walter J. Lorshbough, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Minnewaukan No. 21....Fred P. Mann, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Stephen C. Jones, S.·. W.·.**
Tongue River No. 22....Robert McBride, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Bathgate No. 23.....James F. Derby**
Euclid No. 24.....Robert J. Roberts**
Anchor No. 25.....John G. Boatman**
Golden Valley No. 26....William R. Wiggins, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Occidental No. 27.....George A. Warner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*.
J.·. W.·.*
Forest River No. 28.....John McDonald**
Hope No. 29.....Halley V. Hicks**
Temple No. 30.....Frank J. King, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Gilbert McEachern, J.·. W.·.**
Golden Fleece No. 31....Not represented.
Dickinson No. 32.....Augustus P. Folsom**
Star in West Lodge
No. 33.....William H. Reighart, W.·. M.·..**
James Johnson, S.·. W.·.**, J.·. W.·.**
Lebanon No. 34.....Hugh McDowall, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Hamilton No. 35.....Robert Fee, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
St. John's No. 36.....James McDonald, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*
Robert E. McCogherty, J.·. W.·.
Fairmount No. 37.....Elmer W. Wetherbee**
Crystal No. 38.....George E. Springsted, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Mizpah No. 39.....Charles A. Gram, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Cando No. 40.....John G. Lamont, W.·. M.·.
Harry Lord, S.·. W.·.**
Elmer T. Judd, J.·. W.·.**

Maple River No. 41.....Arthur J. Kesler, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Reynolds No. 42.....Benjamin F. Lavalley, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*,
S.·. W.·.*
Mouse River No. 43.....George H. Soule, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Tuscan No. 44.....John G. Turner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Northern Light No. 45...Oscar D. Purinton**
Evergreen No. 46.....Eugene H. Cowell, W.·. M.·.
Charles E. Baker, S.·. W.·.
Charles W. Butzz, J.·. W.·.
Willow No. 47.....Frank Sims, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
John R. Cooper, S.·. W.·.**
Milton No. 48..... ...Not represented.
Liberty No. 49.....Harry E. Blair**
Walhalla No. 50.....George McConnachie, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Thomas R. McLaughlin, S.·. W.·.
Mt. Moriah No. 51.....Clarence Ellithorpe, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Fidelity No. 52.....John C. Stewart**
Harmony No. 53.....William I. Irvine**
Welcome No. 54.....Washington M. Petri, W.·. M.·.**
James McCormick, S.·. W.·.
Hans A. Moe, J.·. W.·.
Dacotah No. 55.....Joseph M. Stewart**
Aurora No. 56.....William Wiltschke, W.·. M.·.**, J.·. W.·.**
Charles E. Tillson, S.·. W.·.**
Hankinson No. 57.....Not represented.
Khurum No. 58.....Charles Harshman, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W. .*
Independence No. 59....Walter Nelson, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*,
S.·. W.·.*
Century No. 60.....William E. Radtke, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Devotion No. 61.....Not represented.
Hunter No. 62.....Clyde W. Gamble, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Dickey No. 63.....Henry D. Bloss, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Ionic No. 64.....John H. McLean, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Rugby No. 65.....George W. Fraine, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Rolla No. 66.....Guido Widmeyer**

Leeds No. 67.....William H. Thomas, W.·. M.·.
John W. Peterson, S.·. W.·.
Elisha B. Page, J.·. W.·.**
Prudence No. 68.....Not represented.
Ashlar No. 69.....Gustave Gunstrom, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Kenmare No. 70.....Olof Ribb, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Wimbledon No. 71.....Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Berthold No. 72.....Joseph Able, Jr., J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Mohall No. 73.....George L. Ryerson**
Westhope No. 74.....William J. Reynolds, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Bowbells No. 75.....Ralph E. Knowlton, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Velva No. 76.....Milo J. Pitkin, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Buffalo No. 77.....James A. McHattie, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Corinthian No. 78.....Donald McKechnie, W.·. M.·.
Charles S. Buck, S.·. W.·.
Charles C. Crawford, J.·. W.·.**
Glenburn U.·. D.·. .....Clarence V. Ferguson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Antler U.·. D.·. .....John F. Walrath, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Balfour U.·. D.·. .....Almon B. Parmenter, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Iver G. Walstad, J.·. W.·.
Lansford U.·. D.·. .....John G. Walstad**
Edmore U.·. D.·. .....Henry R. Aslakson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*

*An officer and proxy for Master or Wardens.

**Not Master or Warden, but representing Lodge, or proxy for Master or Wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Belgium	Thomas Sims, Bottineau.
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor, Fargo.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor, Bismarck.
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell, Grafton.
England	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie, Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull, Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler, Grand Forks.
Ireland	Charles Allen, Grand Forks.
Maine	Charles A. Harris, Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet, Grand Forks.
Maryland	Elisha B. Page, Leeds.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor, Fargo.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson, Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson, Hope.
New Jersey	James Johnson, Minot.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill, Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald, Grafton.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods, Grand Forks,
Ohio	James W. Foley, Bismarck.
Porto Rico	James L. Green, Sheldon.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler, Grand Forks.
Queensland	William E. Hoover, Fargo.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke, Grand Forks.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls, Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald, Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather, Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager, St. Thomas.
Utah	Edwin H. James, St. Thomas.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock, Walhalla.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens, Towner.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY G. VICK (2),
FRANK J. KING (30),
JAMES McGUIGAN (1)
Committee.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due the members of this Grand Lodge, reports as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $1,153.30, to be paid by him to the proper delegates as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge	Location	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	Jas. McGuigan
2	Pembina	Pembina	84	4.20	4.00	8.20	Jno. Heneman
3	Casselton	Casselton	98	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	W. A. Stewart
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	273	13.65	4.00	17.65	W. A. Dillon
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	F. G. Kneeland
7	Valley City	Valley City	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	R. T. Healy
8	Mandan	Mandan	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	Anson Bartlett
9	Cereal	Tower City	120	6.00	4.00	10.00	R. B. Murphy
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	Jorgen Howard
11	Crescent	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	D. C. Moore
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	134	6.70	4.00	10.70	R. S. Campbell
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	218	10.90	4.00	14.90	J. M. Paige
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	148	7.40	4.00	11.40	D. F. Seigfried
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	124	6.20	4.00	10.20	E. S. Babcock
16	North Star	Larimore	36	1.80	4.00	5.80	W. C. Ghering
17	Minto	Minto	29	1.45	2.00	3.45	John Miller
18	Mackey	LaMoure	166	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	Goose River	Portland	71	3.55	4.00	7.55	G. A. White
20	Hiram	Page	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	Paid by G. T. ck
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	87	4.35	4.00	8.55	S. C. Jones
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	71	3.55	4.00	7.55	R. McBride
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	71	3.55	4.00	7.55	J. F. Derby
24	Euclid	Lakota	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	R. J. Roberts
25	Anchor	Milnor	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J. G. Boatman
26	Golden Valley	Park River	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	Wm. Wiggins
27	Occidental	Hope	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	G A. Warner
28	Forest River	Inkster	45	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Hope	Oakes	176	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Temple	St. Thomas	53	2.65	4.00	8.65	F. J. King
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	190	.....	.....	.....	.....
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	387	19.35	4.00	23.35	A. P. Folsom
33	Star in the West	Minot	207	10.35	4.00	14.35	W. H. Reighart
34	Lebanon	Langdon	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	H. McDowall
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	64	3.20	4.00	7.20	Robt. Fee
36	St. Johns	Forest River	32	1.60	4.00	5.60	R. E. McCogherty
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	139	6.95	4.00	10.95	E. W. Wetherbee
38	Crystal	Crystal	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	G. E. Springsted
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	120	6.00	4.00	10.00	C. A. Gram
40	Cando	Cando	121	6.05	4.00	10.05	J. G. Lamont
41	Maple River	Edgeley	188	9.40	4.00	13.40	A. J. Kesler
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	21	1.05	4.00	5.05	B. F. Lavalley
43	Mouse River	Towner	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	G. H. Soule
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	182	9.10	4.00	13.10	J. G. Turner
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	184	9.20	4.00	13.20	O. D. Purinton
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	137	6.85	4.00	10.85	E. H. Cowell
47	Willow	Willow City	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	Frank Sims
48	Milton	Milton	86	.....	.....	.....	.....
49	Liberty	Enderlin	128	.....	4.00	4.00	H. E. Blair
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	T. R. McLaughlin
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	328	16.40	4.00	20.40	C. Ellithorpe
52	Fidelity	Drayton	54	2.70	4.00	6.70	J. C. Stewart
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	W. I. Irvine
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	108	5.40	4.00	9.40	W. M. Petri
55	Dacotah	Mayville	69	3.45	4.00	7.45	J. M. Stewart
56	Aurora	Carrington	183	9.15	4.00	13.15	Wm. Wiltschke
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	166	.....	.....	.....	.....
58	Khurum	Gilby	25	1.25	4.00	5.25	Chas. Harshman

MILAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

No.	Lodge	Location	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
59	Independence	Leal	156	7.80	4.00	11.80	Walter Nelson
60	Century	New Rockford	167	8.35	4.00	12.35	W. E. Radtke
61	Devotion	Harvey	245	....	....	....	.....
62	Hunter	Hunter	118	5.90	4.00	9.90	W. C. Gamble
63	Dickey	Dickey	182	9.10	4.00	13.10	H. D. Bloss
64	Ionic	Hannah	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	J. H. McLean
65	Rugby	Rugby	146	7.30	4.00	11.30	G. W. Fraine
66	Rolla	Rolla	155	7.75	4.00	11.75	G. Widmeyer
67	Leeds	Leeds	119	5.95	4.00	9.95	J. W. Peterson
68	Prudence	Cogswell	188	....	....	....	.....
69	Ashlar	Granville	186	9.30	4.00	13.30	G. Gunstrom
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	257	12.85	4.00	16.85	Olof Ribb
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	164	8.20	4.00	12.20	R. B. Cox
72	Berthold	Berthold	230	11.50	4.00	15.50	Jos. Able
73	Mohall	Mohall	232	11.60	4.00	15.60	Paid by G. T. ck
74	Westhope	Westhope	223	11.15	4.00	15.15	W. J. Reynolds
75	Bowbells	Bowbells	269	13.45	4.00	17.45	R. F. Knowlton
76	Velva	Velva	227	11.35	4.00	15.35	M. J. Pitkin
77	Buffalo	Buffalo	113	5.65	4.00	9.65	J. A. McHattie
78	Corinthian	Calvin	130	6.50	4.00	10.50	D. McKechnie
U. D	Glenburn	Glenburn	211	10.55	4.00	14.55	Paid by G. T. ck.
U. D.	Antler	Antler	226	11.30	4.00	15.30	J. F. Walrath
U. D.	Balfour	Balfour	248	12.40	4.00	16.40	A. B. Parmenter
U. D.	Lansford	Lansford	221	11.05	4.00	15.05	J. G. Walstad
U. D.	Edmore	Edmore	93	4.65	4.00	6.00	H. R. Aslakson

GRAND, PAST GRAND OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name	Office	Location	Miles.	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total.	Brother Receipting.
Grant S. Hager	Grand Master	St. Thomas	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	G. S. Hager
John Riessbeck	Deputy Gr. Master	Dickinson	387	19.35	4.00	23.35	J. Riessbeck
Sylvester J. Hill	Senior Gr. Warden	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	S. J. Hill
HalfdenBendeke	Junior Grand Warden	Grand Forks	....	....	4.00	4.00	H. Bendeke
Clinton D. Lord	Grand Treasurer	Park River	140	7.00	6.00	13.00	C. D. Lord
F. J. Thompson	Grand Secretary	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	F. J. Thompson
W. L. Stockwell	Grand Orator	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	W. L. Stockwell
Clarence A. Hale	Gr. Lect and Audt	Gfand Forks	....	....	4.00	4.00	Paid by G. T. ck.
John J. Hull	Senior Gr. Deacon	Wahpeton	124	6.20	4.00	10.20	J. J. Hull
Robert Morrison	Junior Gr. Deacon	Pembina	84	4.20	4.00	8.20	R. Morrison
Wm. E. Hoover	Senior Gr. Steward	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	W. E. Hoover
James L. Green	Junior Gr. Steward	Sheldon	120	6.00	4.00	10.00	J. L. Green
W.L.Williamson	Grand Marshal	Lisbon	134	6.70	4.00	10.70	W. L. Williamson
F. A. Cousins	Gr. Sword Bearer	Carrington	183	9.15	4.00	13.15	F. A. Cousins
Thomas Sims	Grand Tyler	Bottineau	182	9.10	4.00	13.10	Thos. Sims
R.M.Carothers	Frat.Correspondent	Grand Forks	....	....	4.00	4.00	R. M. Carothers
M. Schlanser	Ass't. to Gr. Sec'y	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	M. Schlanser
J. McDonald	Past Gr. Master	Grafton	39	1.95	2.00	3.95	J. McDonald
G. L. McGregor	Past Gr. Master	Fargo	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	Paid by G. T. ck.
G. H. Keyes	Past Gr. Master	Ellendale	218	10.90	4.00	14.90	G. H. Keyes
Edwin H. James	Past Gr. Master	St. Thomas	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	E. H. James
J. T. Blacklock	Past Gr. Master	Walhalla	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	T. R. McLaughlin
James W. Foley	Past Gr. Master	Bismarck	273	13.65	4.00	17.65	J. W. Foley
L. A. Jacobson	Past Gr. Master	Hope	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	L.A.Jacobson
H. M. Wheeler	Past Gr. Master	Grand Forks	....	....	4.00	4.00	Paid by G. T. ck.
Chas. A. Harris	Past Gr. Treasurer	Grafton	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	C. A. Harris
E. C. Stevens	Past Gr. Treasurer	Towner	171	8.55	4.00	12.55	E. C. Stevens
C. E. Boyden	Past Gr. Treasurer	Lisbon	134	6.70	4.00	10.70	C.E.Boyden
Alex. B. Taylor	Finance Committee	Fargo	78	3.90	6.00	9.90	A. B. Taylor
E. Geo. Guthrie	Finance Committee	Fargo	78	3.90	6.00	9.90	E.G.Guthrie
F. H. Sprague	Finance Committee	Grafton Fargo	117	5.85	6.00	11.85	F. H.Sprague
Wm. H. Thomas	Finance Committee	Leeds-Fargo	197	9.85	6.00	15.85	W.H.Thomas
John McDonald	Griev. and App. Com.	Inkster	45	2.25	4.00	6.25	J. McDonald
Halley V. Hicks	Griev. and App. Com.	Oakes	176	8.80	4.00	12.80	H. V. Hicks
Thos. Harrison	Griev. and App. Com.	Blanchard	72	3.60	4.00	7.60	T. Harrison
Chas. K. Wing	Griev. and App. Com.	Crystal	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	C. K. Wing

TRUTH, HONOR AND FORTITUDE.

ORATION BY M.·. W.·. BRO. WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11), P.·. G.·. M.·.

In the soliloquy of one of the ruffians, the following is given us by one ritualist "Tho' well kept, his masonic secret stands revealed. I read it thus: The masonic secret is in these three words contained—Truth, Honor, Fortitude." Of the many lessons taught us in Masonry, there is none higher or nobler than the lesson of the life and death of Hiram, the widow's son, and it was of him that the foregoing words were spoken. His was a life which exemplified these virtues, and it is virtue in the concrete form that we admire and fully appreciate. Virtue in the abstract has but small hold on our consciousness. One living example of Truth, Honor, Fortitude, makes vastly deeper impress upon us than many learned discussions upon the ethical value of these virtues. Hiram gives us that example. Let us then dwell for a little upon it. What is Truth? It includes the fundamental principles of life, philosophy, science and religion. It is that which stands the test of all time. Every great thinker and doer has been a searcher after truth. Hiram, the Master Builder, was a searcher after truth and in the construction of the great edifice, the Temple, he embodied truth in the principles of architecture. That he did so is demonstrated by the fact that this building stood the test of time and the elements. There was nothing false in its construction. It endured. The question comes home to us, brethren, today: Are we living the Truth, or is there a falsehood in our lives? Are we putting into our lives the noble principles of this order, or is Masonry but a passing show designed to tickle the vanity and provide a social pastime?

There is a supreme call, to-day, for men to live the truth, and why should not we, who have the life and death of the Master Builder to stimulate us, show forth in our lives the divine attribute of Truth? There is too much that is false and untrue, and there is no room in the masonic fraternity for men who do not hold aloft, in the lodge and before the world, the banner of Truth.

The most priceless thing in this world, to any man, should be his honor. What nobler tribute than the expression, "He was the soul of honor?" Our masonic exemplar declined to violate his vow or betray his trust; it mattered little to him that he must pay with his very life for thus refusing to impart to those unworthy, the masonic secret. Life was indeed a trifle, when compared to a sacrifice of honor.

How many of us, brethren, place so dear an estimate upon our honor? Every one of us has trusts reposed in us and the manner in which these trusts are by us discharged, measures the depth of our sense of honor. There is no relation in life which does not involve one's honor. Many of us stand in the relation of husbands. No more sacred

trust is ever imposed upon any man—to be loyal and true to the woman who has linked her life with his. If we are true Masons, this trust will be one of the supreme tests, if not the supreme test of our honor. How lightly this relation is sometimes treated by some men, and, alas, by some who have been told the story of Hiram, the widow's son! The bulwark of society is the home, and the sanctity of the home depends upon the sacredness with which the marital relation is held. What a mockery is our beloved institution, and where is masonic honor, if it admits to membership those who hold but lightly this solemn trust?

We frequently stand in the relation of a trusted employee, enjoying the confidence of our employer. Here is the trial of honor in business. Our duty is to protect, at all hazards, the interests of our employer, to give him loyal service, to render a strict account of every penny which has passed through our hands,—never to listen to the song of that siren who lures us by the suggestion that self-interest is first, who intimates that anything but the most efficient service is to be tolerated, who holds out the thought that just once we can indulge in a little speculation with our employer's money, and it will not be known, and that it is all right. Here is the beginning of the end. How often the tempter comes in some guise or other and how essential it is that we possess that fine sense of honor which will forever make us adamant against temptation! Brethren, let us remember that even the setting maul did not cause Hiram Abif to betray the trust reposed in him.

Likewise, in every walk of life, social and professional, as well as business, there is a demand for the practice of those virtues of square dealing, justice and honesty which are grouped under the term, honor.

As citizens, we Masons are called upon to perform *honorably* the duties of citizenship. We do not need to think alike upon public questions, but there is an ever present need for us to give our city, state and nation an intelligent, honest consideration, a patriotic, unselfish devotion and an abiding interest in those things which in government are pressing home upon us for solution; and as honorable men, as Masons, it is our duty to give to organized society such service as may render, as did Hiram of old, the world better for our having lived.

Sometimes Masons are called by their fellow men to occupy positions of importance in government, and then how essential that our honor should be unsullied! Honorable service in positions of public trust rebounds to the credit of the individual and to our order. Note the fact that Washington, Franklin, Wm. McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt have reflected credit upon the institution of which we are a part, and they have done so because they have had a high sense of duty to the trust reposed in them, and have held their honor, personal and official, as dear as life itself.

Let us then, brethren. whether in one relation or another, keep our honor as unsullied as that of the Master Builder, who yielded up life, rather than break his vow or betray his trust.

No virtue is more essential to true living than fortitude. It is not to be confounded with physical courage or bravery, for these qualities, while somewhat akin in the general mind, lack the elements of that steady purpose of mind which is so essential in the true appreciation of fortitude. Fortitude was that virtue which caused our heroic Grand Master to press forward in his duty even though he knew it might cost him his life, and undoubtedly prompted him to give expression to the words, "My life you can have, but my integrity, never." We, as Masons, are seldom called upon to consider seriously the true meaning of this virtue.

The stream of life flows smoothly on and we are prone to think that similar conditions obtain for all mankind, yet it is not so. Did you ever stop and think, my brethren, how little stands between the great majority of men and absolute want? How many of us here to-day—most of us in the easier walks of life—can possibly cease the active struggle for daily bread and know that those dependent upon us will not suffer, yet think of the millions of men to whom health and an opportunity to toil is all that keeps away the grim specter of starvation. Don't you think, men and Masons, that it calls for fortitude to face such a situation? Don't you think it demands also from us a larger sympathy and kindlier feeling for the millions who toil for a mere existence without even the hope that there will come a day of rest this side the Great Silence? It does take fortitude for any of us to face the future with its increasing cost of living, with competition between men ever growing harder. It is this quality, fortitude alone, that keeps men from giving up the struggle. Many times our idea of truth takes us outside the generally accepted notions of men and for this we are made to bear their taunts. Suppose we lack that virtue which impelled Hiram Abif to press onward to the East Gate, then we find ourselves abandoning our ideas or ideals; we do not possess the high quality of manhood which stands firm as the granite hills, when once convinced of the soundness of our position. No, rather let us hold up the banner of truth as we find it, and the standing alone for the right with fortitude undaunted, await the advent of the day when men shall see and know the truth. This is no idle reflection, we have but to look about us and see the men who a few years ago were reviled and taunted as visionaries, let alone worse epithets, to-day hailed as leaders in the battle for the "square deal," and the God-given rights of men.

There is no station in life which does not call for the exercise of moral courage—fortitude. How easy to go with the crowd! How prone we are to let down the high standard of manhood which our Master Builder typified!

How quickly sometimes we abandon our ideals if there may be a temporary advantages! Yet today, brethren, there is a call for men who are willing to bear in silence the petty slights of fellows; suffer, if need

be, the loss of present fame and reputation, and sometimes death that the future generations may have an ideal that is high and noble. We have but to glance over the pages of history outside our order to find such examples. Socrates drank the cup of hemlock; Savonarola died at the stake, and even Christ, the Divine, suffered the ignominious death of the cross that men might see clearer the truth, and thus seeing, live nobler lives. This life is short at best, but let it be long enough, my brethren, that we may exemplify in it these three cardinal virtues: Truth, Honor, Fortitude.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.

SHILOH LODGE NO. 1.

Brown, Wm. A.
Burdick, Adin
Corbett, Samuel J.
Fleming, M. D.
Hammond, E. R.
Moore, James G.
Robison, Edgar M.
Reese, S. L. F.
Thomas, Wm. R.
Zimmerman, Harry E.
Barnett, Wm. H.
Douglas, Chas. A.
Hancock, Wm. S.
Lavallee, Pierre
Shepard, Curtis
McIntyre, Eli D.
Barnes, Gabriel M.
Bolles, H. P.
Craig, Wm. H.
Ehle, Jos. H.
Henry, Russell C.
Lee, Walter
Ramsey, Erick K.
Russater, John
Sherman, Alfred R.
Watt, Robert W.
Adams, John Q.
Clendenning, Albert E.
Lambert, Edward H.
Shepard, Gail P.
McCannel, John A.
McLaren, Daniel A.
Hummell, J. Martin
Fraser, G. Angus
Percival, William H.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

Jones, Pratt R.
Henry, Alfred J.
Amundson, Oscar W.
Buttree, James E.
Remmen, Martin E.

MANDAN LODGE NO. 8.

Lorin, W. F.
Tilleman, Anthony S.
Sandberg, John
Gilbreath, Frank M.
Ross, Ralph H.
Holmes, Joseph
Wood, Frederick
Center, Harland
Little, George A.
Center, Stephen B.
Davis, Oscar V.
Kemper, George H.
Pea, John
Killand, Olaf H.
Olsen, N. H.
Green, John S.
Stark, Carlyle K.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Continued.

CEREAL LODGE NO. 9.

Brenk, Lewis

CRESCENT LODGE NO. 11.

Davies, Fred L.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

Shaw, John J.

Kinney, Lucian S.

MINTO LODGE NO. 17.

Towe, John W.

MACKEY LODGE NO. 18.

Wiston George

MINNEWAUKAN LODGE NO. 21.

Henton, Theodoer Thomas

BATHGATE LODGE NO. 23.

Taylor, Thomas J.

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE NO. 26.

Oakes, William F.

Watson, Alex.

FOREST RIVER LODGE NO. 28.

Rustad, Nicholas

HOPE LODGE NO. 29.

Meadows, Eber M.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Continued.

DICKINSON LODGE NO. 32.

Dobbyn, John H.
Ross, John P.
Buffe, Wernir
Clemmer, C. H.
DeGraff, Irving C.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 34.

Weir, George
McLeod, Colin

ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. 36.

Warren, Forest D.
Howard, James S.
Breman, Wm. J.
Warren, H. W.
Thabes, Louis

MAPLE RIVER LODGE NO. 41.

Dollar, Charles E.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE NO. 45

Buell, George Paul
Abbott, Lyman M.

EVERGREEN LODGE NO. 46.

Wilson, I. A.
Hall, Fred E.
Whiteman, Jay C.
Rush, Harry

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 52.

Whitemore, Lavella A.
McCrea, William W.

WELCOME LODGE NO. 54.

Bishop, Alfred T.

DAKOTAH LODGE NO. 55.

Paulson, Engebret M.
Close, John H.

SUSPENDED N. P. D.—Continued.

AURORA LODGE NO. 56.

White, Charles E.

HANKINSON LODGE NO. 57.

Coe, Jay H.
Hoefs, Ferdinand
Taylor, James B.

CENTURY LODGE NO. 60.

Gillett, George R.

DEVOTION LODGE NO. 61.

Melville, William C.
Sills, George
Christianson, Hans P.
Anderson, Charles A.

HUNTER LODGE NO. 62.

Frye, Walter C.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1907, SHOWING LOCATION OF LODGES, ADDRESSES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, ETC.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	Stated Meetings.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	Cass	Thomas Hall	Frank J. Thompson	2nd Friday.
2	Pembina	Pembina	Pembina	John Heneman	Edmund K. Cavileer	1st and 3rd Fridays.
3	Casselton	Casselton	Cass	Eugene S. Flint	H. J. Rowe	2nd and 4th Fridays.
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	William A. Stewart	Ingvald A. Berg	2nd and 4th Fridays.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	Burleigh	William A. Dillon	Geo. F. Dullam	1st and 3rd Mondays.
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	Stutsman	Fred G. Kneeland	Charles W. Pierce	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
7	Valley City	Valley City	Barnes	Rew T. Healy	Laurence G. Moultrie	1st Friday.
8	Mandan	Mandan	Morton	William H. Lawrence	Arthur H. Peterson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
9	Cereal	Tower City	Cass	David B. Shaw	Harry H. Roberts	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Traill	Amos C. Crowl	Samuel Rowan	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
11	Crescent	Grafton	Walsh	DeWitt C. Moore	Benjamin A. Provoost	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	Ransom	Robert S. Campbell	Geo. W. Ferguson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	Dickey	George H. Keyes	Herbert C. Peek	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	Barnes	Albert A. J. Lang	John E. Vernon	1st and 3rd Mondays.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	Richland	Charles W. McKay	Walter L. Carter	2nd and 4th Fridays.
16	North Star	Larimore	Grand Forks	William C. Ghering	Victor S. Wisner	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
17	Minto	Minto	Walsh	Winthrop S. Mitchell	Samuel D. Thomson	1st and 3rd Fridays.
18	Mackey	LaMoure	LaMoure	Oscar Wankel	William Proctor	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
19	Goose River	Portland	Traill	Paul M. Paulson	Orville D. Patterson	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
20	Hiram	Page	Cass	Walter J. Lorshbough	Lemuel B. Smith	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	Ramsey	Fred P. Mann	Albert H. Bell	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	Pembina	Robert McBride	Cyrus Bechtel	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	Pembina	Robert M. Carson	Robert B. Richardson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
24	Euclid	Lakota	Nelson	R. Hudson Beck	Benjamin S. Estes	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
25	Anchor	Milnor	Sargent	Francis W. Vail	Edmond C. Lewis	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	Walsh	William R. Wiggins	E. Reeve Claxton	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
27	Occidental	Hope	Steele	George A. Warner	John D. Foley	2nd and 4th Fridays.
28	Forest River	Inkster	Grand Forks	Victor E. Bemis	Edwin Church	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
29	Hope	Oakes	Dickey	Frank C. Root	Halley V. Hicks	1st and 3rd Mondays.
30	Temple	St. Thomas	Pembina	Frank A. Douglas	Edward T. Thompson	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	Sargent	Albert N. Carlblom	Ray L. Himebaugh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	Stark	Wayne B. Howe	Augustus P. Folsom	2nd and 4th Fridays.
33	Star in the West	Minot	Ward	Louis A. Larson	S. George White	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	Cavalier	Hugh McDowall	James H. Bain	2nd and 4th Fridays.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	Pembina	Robert Fee	John F. Kippen	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
36	St. Johns	Forest River	Walsh	James H. Scott	Albert S. Mason	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	Richland	Newton H. Greenman	Elmer W. Wetherbee	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
38	Crystal	Crystal	Pembina	Harry S. Dickson	Donald J. Innes	1st and 3rd Fridays.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	Ransom	Charles A. Gram	Martin N. Hudnall	1st and 3rd Thursdays.

40	Cando	Cando	Towner	John G. Lamont	Nicholas O. Johnson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	LaMoure	Arthur J. Kesler	Charles Gunthorp	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	Traill	Frank D. Janney	Sever N. Thompson	2nd and 4th Mondays.
43	Mouse River	Towner	McHenry	George H. Soule	Evarts C. Stevens	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	Bottineau	John H. G. Turner	Thomas Sims	2nd and 4th Fridays.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	Griggs	Theodore G. Thompson	Frank Gladstone	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	Benson	Eugene H. Cowell	Alfred Dresser	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
47	Willow	Willow City	Bottineau	Frank Sims	Lewis A. Riebe	1st and 3rd Thursdays
48	Milton	Milton	Cavalier	Samuel O. Tollefson	John McCarthy	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	Ransom	Charles E. Best	Conrad A. Kvello (Acting)	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	Pembina	George McCannachie	Robert B. Cunningham	1st and 3rd Fridays.
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	Williams	Clarence Ellithorpe	Erasmus M. Atterberry	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	Pembina	William J. Buchanan	Thomas F. Newans	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	Richland	Henry H. Herzog	Winifred D. Movius	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
54	Welcome	Churches Ferry	Ramsey	George C. Chambers	Joseph G. Nichol	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
55	Dacotah	Mayville	Traill	George N. Tausan	Clyde R. Travis	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
56	Aurora	Carrington	Foster	Louis K. Estabrook	Robert A. Bill	Tuesday on or before the full moon of each month.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	Richland	Henry C. Parslow	G. Ross Fowler	1st and 3rd Fridays.
58	Khurum	Gilby	Grand Forks	Charles Harshman	Martin E. Bratley	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
59	Independence	Leal	Barnes	John Lamb	Perry A. Pickett	Thursday on or before the full moon of each month.
60	Century	New Rockford	Eddy	William E. Radtke	Paul J. Braman	1st and 3rd Mondays.
61	Devotion	Harvey	Wells	John F. McGlenn	Maurice H. Aved	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
62	Hunter	Hunter	Cass	W. Clyde Gamble	Samuel H. Adams	1st Tuesday.
63	Dickey	Dickey	LaMoure	Henry D. Bloss	William M. Chambers	1st and 3rd Wednesdays
64	Ionic	Hannah	Cavalier	John H. McLean	Thomas H. Prior	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
65	Rugby	Rugby	Pierce	George Straub	Charles B. Hughes	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
66	Rolla	Rolla	Rolette	James P. Widmeyer	Guido Widmeyer	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
67	Leeds	Leeds	Benson	William H. Thomas	Arthur H. Hughart	2nd and 4th Mondays.
68	Prudence	Cogswell	Sargent	William E. Johnson	Harry E. Shearn	1st and 3rd Mondays.
69	Ashler	Granville	McHenry	Roy Carnathan	William F. Clarke	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	Ward	William H. Makee	Charles H. Jacobson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	Barnes	Robert B. Cox	William O. Joos	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
72	Berthold	Berthold	Ward	William E. McQueen	Oliver C. Bailey	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
73	Mohall	Mohall	Ward	Charles Lano	Gunerius Gunderson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
74	Westhope	Westhope	Bottineau	William J. Reynolds	Clayton E. Brace	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
75	Bowbells	Bowbells	Ward	Ralph E. Knowlton	Staale Hendrickson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
76	Velva	Velva	McHenry	Milo J. Pitkin	Albert Dickinson	1st and 3rd Fridays.
77	Buffalo	Buffalo	Cass	James A. McHattie	G. Edwin Bateman	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
78	Corinthian	Calvin	Calvalier	Donald McKechnie	Charles C. Crawford	1st and 3rd Mondays.
79	Glenburn	Glenburn	Ward	Clarence V. Ferguson	Arthur A. Butts	1st and 3rd Thursdays
80	Antler	Antler	Bottineau	John F. Walrath	William Ryder	1st and 3rd Mondays.
81	Balfour	Balfour	McHenry	Almon B. Parmenter	Almon W. Parmenter	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
82	Lansford	Lansford	Bottineau	Gustav A. Huss	John G. Walstad	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
U.D.	Edmore	Edmore	Ramsey	Henry R. Aslakson	Martin O. Simenstad	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

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1	Shiloh	36	38	30	14	2	8	9	36	...	46	53	497	$483.00
2	Pembina	...	...	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	54	41.75
3	Casselton	2	2	3	2	...	...	3	...	...	5	3	114	93.50
4	Acacia	17	15	17	4	1	2	10	...	...	22	12	259	256.25
5	Bismarck	6	8	8	2	1	...	2	...	...	11	2	91	96.25
6	Jamestown	10	12	11	4	2	...	2	...	...	17	2	157	150.75
7	Valley City	8	15	17	4	4	3	2	5	...	25	10	136	149.00
8	Mandan	12	11	5	1	...	2	2	17	...	6	21	77	94.25
9	Cereal	10	10	9	...	1	...	4	1	...	10	5	55	70.25
10	Hillsboro	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	105	82.50
11	Crescent	4	2	3	3	...	...	5	1	...	6	6	97	83.50
12	Sheyenne Valley	6	6	10	2	...	1	4	...	...	12	5	97	93.25
13	Ellendale	13	11	10	1	...	...	3	...	...	11	3	86	99.00
14	Sanborn	4	6	5	1	...	1	3	...	...	6	4	52	55.50
15	Wahpeton	7	6	5	2	2	3	4	...	...	9	7	67	68.20
16	North Star	1	2	1	1	...	...	3	2	...	2	5	105	83.00
17	Minto	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	1	...	1	5	43	31.75
18	Mackey	8	8	6	7	...	...	2	1	...	13	3	50	59.50
19	Goose River	5	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	32	36.00
20	Hiram	4	4	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	1	70	61.50
21	Minnewaukan	8	8	13	2	2	1	14	1	...	17	16	155	151.75
22	Tongue River	3	2	2	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	3	53	44.25
23	Bathgate	...	2	3	2	...	2	2	2	...	5	6	79	64.25
24	Euclid	5	4	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	4	2	59	62.25
25	Anchor	6	8	7	1	...	...	2	...	...	8	2	35	46.75
26	Golden Valley	12	10	9	1	...	...	6	2	...	10	8	76	89.75
27	Occidental	25	22	19	1	...	2	6	...	...	20	8	133	158.50
28	Forest River	3	4	4	...	...	...	3	1	...	4	4	71	61.75
29	Hope	1	1	1	3	...	...	1	1	...	4	2	55	44.25
30	Temple	...	...	1	...	1	...	4	...	...	2	4	53	40.75
31	Golden Fleece	4	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	42	39.00
32	Dickinson	13	10	13	3	...	1	3	5	...	16	9	131	136.50
33	Star in the West	9	10	8	9	1	1	3	...	...	18	4	104	105.00
34	Lebanon	7	8	8	3	2	1	2	2	...	13	5	189	164.75
35	Hamilton	1	1	2	...	...	...	7	...	...	2	7	36	33.25
36	St. Johns	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	5	...	2	8	29	23.25
37	Fairmount	5	2	2	2	...	1	2	...	...	4	3	46	42.75
38	Crystal	13	7	1	3	...	...	3	...	...	4	3	27	40.50
39	Mizpah	5	6	6	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	2	70	68.75
40	Cando	8	11	12	1	...	...	12	...	...	13	12	81	86.75
41	Maple River	2	4	2	...	...	1	2	1	...	2	3	52	48.00
42	Reynolds	1	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	3	2	39	34.25
43	Mouse River	7	6	4	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	1	47	59.25
44	Tuscan	6	9	10	4	1	...	3	...	...	15	3	112	115.00
45	Northern Light	8	9	9	1	...	2	2	2	...	10	4	90	97.50
46	Evergreen	7	7	5	1	...	4	4	4	...	6	9	86	87.75
47	Willow	3	4	6	...	...	...	4	...	...	6	5	66	64.75
48	Milton	5	8	8	...	...	...	2	...	...	8	3	54	61.50
49	Liberty	15	15	12	...	3	...	8	...	...	15	9	77	102.00
50	Walhalla	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	61	48.75
51	Mt. Moriah	9	5	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	63	77.25
52	Fidelity	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	1	2	33	24.75
53	Harmony	5	3	5	1	...	...	4	...	...	6	5	68	64.00
54	Welcome	6	5	5	...	...	1	3	1	...	5	4	27	34.25
55	Dacotah	4	1	1	...	...	2	3	2	...	1	5	33	30.75
56	Aurora	8	8	9	5	...	1	1	1	...	14	2	87	94.25
57	Hankinson	4	6	6	...	...	3	2	3	...	6	5	58	59.50
58	Khurum	2	3	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	2	33	33.75
59	Independence	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	30	27.25
60	Century	7	6	4	...	...	1	2	1	...	4	4	76	79.00
61	Devotion	2	4	3	...	...	4	6	4	...	3	10	55	47.75
62	Hunter	1	2	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	2	27	25.75
63	Dickey	7	4	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	5	2	39	45.25
64	Ionic	8	8	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	6	3	66	71.50
65	Rugby	9	10	10	3	...	...	1	...	...	13	1	76	95.00
66	Rolla	25	19	18	1	...	...	2	...	...	19	2	101	143.50
67	Leeds	6	7	7	2	...	...	3	...	...	9	3	41	56.75

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68	Prudence	1	1	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	3	3	28	24.00
69	Ashlar	1	4	4	2	...	...	2	...	...	6	2	59	54.25
70	Kenmare	5	10	8	2	...	...	4	...	...	10	4	56	70.00
71	Wimbledon	6	9	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	43	56.75
72	Berthold	5	8	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	1	34	49.50
73	Mohall	17	18	20	1	...	...	12	...	...	21	12	41	83.25
74	Westhope	5	8	9	5	...	...	13	...	...	14	13	49	63.75
75	Bowbells	5	2	3	1	...	1	2	1	...	4	3	25	33.75
76	Velva	7	7	9	2	...	...	1	...	...	11	2	37	50.75
77	Buffalo	10	9	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	8	5	35	58.75
78	Corinthian	20	18	22	2	...	...	1	...	...	24	1	62	106.50
U.D.	Glenburn	10	8	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	29	24.00
U.D.	Antler	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	21	16.00
U.D.	Balfour	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	24.00
U.D.	Lansford	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	22.00
U.D.	Edmore	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	6.00
		564	541	522	128	24	43	250	106	...	674	399	5945	$6165.75

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP DATA—GRAND LODGES DAKOTA TERRITORY AND NORTH DAKOTA.

Place of Meeting	Date	No. of Lodges	Membership
—Dakota Territory—			
Elk Point	June 22 23, 1875	5	....
Yankton	June 13 14, 1876	6	239
Yankton	June 12 13, 1877	6	254
Sioux Falls	June 11 12, 1878	7	281
Yankton	June 10 11, 1879	11	404
Yankton	June 8 9, 1880	16	541
Sioux Falls	June 14 15, 1881	23	723
Watertown	June 13 14, 1882	32	1157
Rapid City	June 12 13, 1883	50	1533
Aberdeen	June 10 11, 1884	61	2026
Fargo	June 9 10, 1885	79	2644
Bismarck	June 8 9, 1886	89	3154
Huron	June 14 15, 1887	94	3594
Deadwood	June 12 13, 1888	102	4088
Mitchell	June 11 12, 1889	107	4595
—North Dakota—			
*Mitchell, S. D.	June 12 13, 1889	31	1322
Grand Forks	June 17 18, 1890	33	1464
Fargo	June 16 17, 1891	34	1594
Grand Forks	June 28 29, 1892	35	1732
Devils Lake	June 13 14, 1893	41	1972
Valley City	June 12 13, 1894	44	2172
Fargo	June 18 19, 1895	44	2312
Fargo	June 9 10, 1896	46	2535
Fargo	June 8 9, 1897	48	2702
Fargo	June 21 22, 1898	50	2871
Fargo	June 20 21, 1899	55	3160
Fargo	June 19 20, 1900	62	3492
Fargo	June 18 19, 1901	65	3742
Fargo	June 24 25, 1902	66	3998
Fargo	June 23 24, 1903	67	4397
Fargo	June 28 29, 1904	72	4847
Grand Forks	June 27 28, 1905	74	5153
Fargo	June 26 27, 1906	78	5567
Grand Forks	June 25 26, 1907	83	5945

* Prior to meeting of Grand Lodge, the Territory had been divided into two states, North and South Dakota. At the meeting of the territorial Grand Lodge, 1889, the lodges of the North withdrew and formed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the two Grnd Lodges being in session at the same time in adjoining rooms.

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Year	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR. WARDEN	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt*	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey*
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins*	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey*
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins*	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins*	Henry H. Folk†	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan†	C. T. McCoy*
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk†	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy*
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk†	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell†	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy*
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist*	Thomas J. Wilder*	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day*	C. T. McCoy*
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West	John Davidson*	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder*	C. T. McCoy*
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy*
1884	John F. Schrader	William Blatt†	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy*
1885	William Blatt†	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. F. Boyden**	C. T. McCoy*
1886	William Blatt†	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy*
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes†**	Edward G. Benke*	C. T. McCoy*
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes†**	Theodore D. Kanouse†	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy*
1889	James W. Cloes (6)†	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Chas. E. Jackson† (2)	David S. Dodds* (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	William James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce* (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman* (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best* (3)	William T. Perkins† (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins† (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival† (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)†	Edwin H. James (30)	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival† (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Theo. F. Branch† (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival† (21)	Edwin H. James (30)	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel† (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott† (29)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott† (29)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1904	James W. Foley (5)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1905	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1906	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1907	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	John J. Hull (15)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

*Deceased. †Left the jurisdiction. **With North Dakota.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Minot.
Arkansas	William McKean	Sanborn.
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson.
Belgium	Thomas Sims	Bottineau.
*California		
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Bismarck.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	Dennis W. Coleman	Ellendale.
Egypt	Robert L. Kenney	Mayville.
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece	John Riessbeck	Dickinson
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	Elisha B. Page	Leeds.
*Massachusetts		
Mexico	Herbert W. Kiff	Tower City.
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William H. Campbell	Kenmare.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	Harry Lord	Cando.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Jamestown.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grand Forks.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	John C. Freemont Parker	Dickinson.
Peru	John F. Selby	Hillsboro.
Porto Rico	James L. Green	Sheldon.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Queensland	William E. Hoover	Fargo.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke	Grand Forks.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	William J. Milligan	Hope.
Utah	Edwin H. James	St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	Eben Q. Carver	Page.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
*Wyoming		

*Does not exchange representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence.
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway.
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
*California		
Canada	H. D. Leask	North Bay, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. De Long	Grand Junction.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Havana, Apartado 72.
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	Edwin St. Clair Thompson	Washington, No. 1735 N. H. Ave., N. W.
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece	Aristippe Dem Schortsanitis	Athens, Rue Constantin Paleologue, 18.
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St.
Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar, 8 Garville Rd.
Kansas	Marion L. Truby	Independence.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans.
Maine	Elbridge G. Heath	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
Maryland	Robert McGruder	Baltimore, 12 St. Paul St.
*Massachusetts		
Mexico, Valle de	R. N. Penny	Mexico City, Calle de la Plaz 618.
Michigan	A. B. Chase	Covert.
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point.
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St.
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	John G. Gopsill	Jersey City.
New Mexico		
New York	Donald Gow	New York, 162 W. 21st St.
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Carman S. Marshall	Bridgewater.
New Zealand	Thomas Ross	Dunedin.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name	Residence.
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Panawaha.
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee	El Reno.
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria.
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	Ambrose L. Brown	Charlottetown.
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima.
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrloch	Hull.
Queensland	Henry Brown	Brisbane, Elizabeth St.
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
South Carolina	Richard F. Divver	Anderson.
South Dakota	Albert S. Reed	Aberdeen.
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide.
Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell	Glasgow, 6 Franklin Ter.
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes	Tacoma.
Western Australia	Frederick J. West	Menzies.
West Virginia	Michael Emsheimer	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	E. A. Upham	Marshfield
*Wyoming		

* Does not exchange representatives.

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Dr. G. McDonald	Calgary.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria, B. C.
California	George Johnson	San Francisco, 2504 Wash. St.
Canada	Hugh Murray	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	John H. Barlow	Hartford
Delaware	Benj. F. Bartram	Wilmington, M. T.
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Culter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, M. T.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, M. T.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg, M. T.
Maryland	Wm. M. Isaac	Baltimore, M. T.
Massachusetts	Sereno D. Nickerson	Boston, M. T.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederick Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis, 510 Pine St.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges,	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, M. T.
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Prince William St.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Thomas H. R. Redway	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo, M. T.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, M. T., rm.16.
Oklahoma	James S. Hunt	Guthrie.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Eugene.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence, M. T.

AMERICAN GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Saskatchewan	Dr. John M. Shaw	Regina.
South Carolina	Jacob T. Barron	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma, M. T.
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee, M. T.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

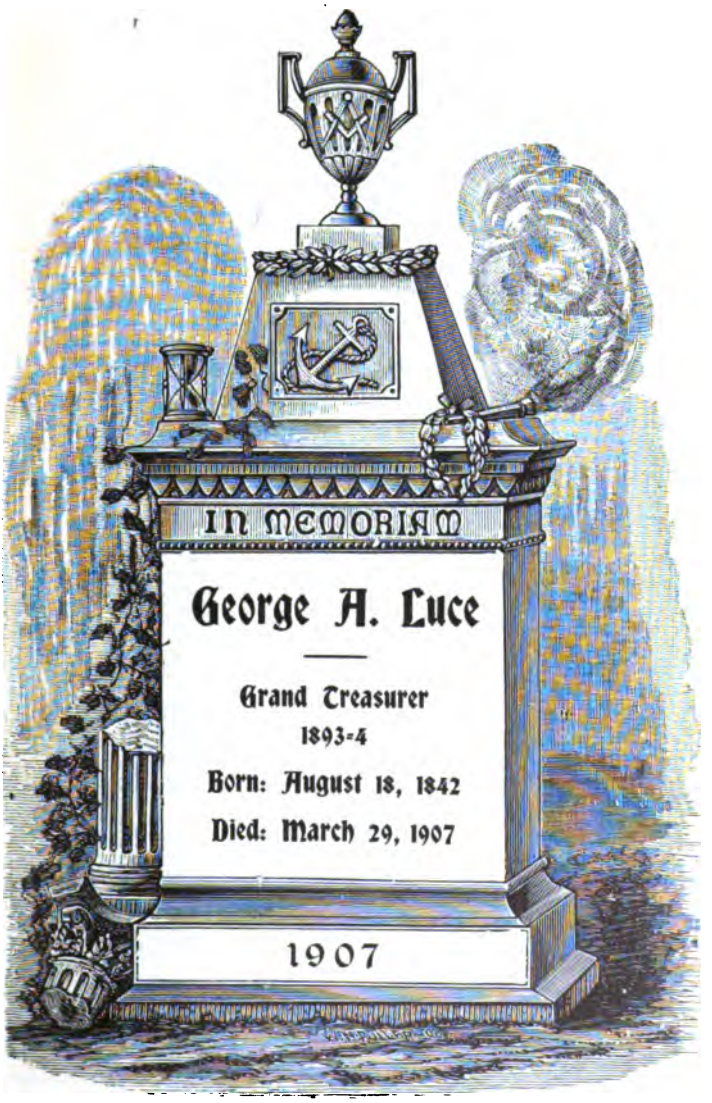
Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Argentine Republic		
Belgium	Eug. Brand	Brussels.
Chili	Jose Maldono	Valparaiso.
Costa Rica	Diego Povedano	San Jose, Apartado 220.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Habana, Apartado 72.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	Aristippe D. Schortsanitis	Athens, Rue Paleologue, 18
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Mexico, Valle de	Felix M. Iglesias	Mexico City.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Auckland.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Norway	Theodor Hansen	Christiania.
Peru	J. Benjamin Choza	Lima.
Porto Rico	Albert E. Martinez	San Juan.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane, 231 Elizabeth St.
Scotland	David Reed	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Sweden	Sven H. B. Svensson	Stockholm.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.
United G. L. Victoria	David Meadowcraft	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

In Memory

of the

Forty-Three Members of Lodges in North Dakota Whose Deaths are Reported on the 1907 Returns.

Lodge	Name	Date		
Shiloh No. 1	Samuel Thomas Connick	Dec.	26.	1906
Shiloh No. 1	Albert L. Carey			1907
Shiloh No. 1	John R. Jardine	July	11,	1906
Shiloh No. 1	Fred G. Jordan	May	24,	1906
Shiloh No. 1	David G. Maclay	May	24,	1906
Shiloh No. 1	Ernest D. Palmer	July	23,	1906
Shiloh No. 1	George B. Schofield	May	15,	1906
Shiloh No. 1	George B. Winship	July	7,	1906
Acacia No. 4	William B. Jones	April	15,	1907
Acacia No. 4	Warren B. Wood	Dec.	4,	1906
Valley City No. 7	Elmer W. Fish	Jan.	9,	1907
Valley City No. 7	Thomas N. Ritchie	April	30,	1907
Valley City No. 7	John S. Irgens	.....		
Mandan No. 8	Charles Barett	Nov.	18,	1906
Mandan No. 8	George R. Leonard	April	18,	1907
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	William W. Moore	Dec.	15,	1906
Sanborn No. 14	James W. Caddes	Nov.	16,	1906
Wahpeton No. 15	Thomas H. Bowditch	Nov.	18,	1906
Wahpeton No. 15	L. Jay Crooks	April	6,	1907
Wahpeton No. 15	John H. Kouba	Oct.	4,	1906
Minto No. 17	James Liberty	July	28,	1906
Hiram No. 20	William H. Martin	Sept.	10,	1906
Minnewaukan No. 21	Charles Turner	Feb.	13,	1907
Bathgate No. 23	Robert McFarland	Nov.	24,	1906
Bathgate No. 23	Esau Renwick	June	6,	1906
Euclid No. 24	Lloyd Ryall	Aug.	28,	1906
Occidental No. 27	George A. Luce	Mar.	29,	1907
Occidental No. 27	Frank C. Mayes	Aug.		1901
Dickinson No. 32	Knud Knudson	April	24,	1907
Star in West No. 33	John T. Miller	Dec.	23,	1906
Lebanon No. 34	George H. Rylance	Feb.	20,	1907
St. Johns No. 36	Henry Brennan	Oct.	5,	1906
Fairmount No. 37	Jens Peter Hanson	Dec.	5,	1906
Evergreen No. 46	James K. Salisbury	May	19,	1906
Willow No. 47	John M. Lazier	Feb.	3,	1907
Milton No. 48	Henry Thompson	Mar.	31,	1906
Liberty No. 49	Edward Little			1904
Harmony No. 53	Aaron Heiber	July	7,	1906
Khurum No. 58	William Douglas	May	1,	1906
Century No. 60	Robert Henry	Sept.	19,	1906
Hunter No. 62	David H. Houston	May	6,	1906
Prudence No. 68	Frank W. Zimmerley	June	13,	1906
Velva No. 76	William A. Wilson	July	12,	1906


IN MEMORIAM
George A. Luce
Grand Treasurer
1893-4
Born: August 18, 1842
Died: March 29, 1907
1907

IN MEMORIAM
To Those
of
Our Sister
Grand Jurisdictions
who
Have Gone Before
1907

CORESPONDENCE REVIEW.

BY M.·. W.·. ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4)

COMPILED DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM PROCEEDINGS OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

(NOTE—The following decisions and resolutions are for general information, not the law of this Grand Lodge, and Masters and others should be governed by them in absence of similar law in this grand jurisdiction—Grand Secretary.)

ABANDONING THE LODGE—See Withdrawal.

If a member of the lodge, for conscience's sake, believes it to be his duty to withdraw from the lodge, he has the right to do so. The lodge should dimit him if he pays his dues. If he does not, suspend him under the rules. *Mississippi* 1907, p. 114.

ADVANCEMENT—

An E. A. who, on account of un-masonic conduct, is unable to go on with his degree is entitled to a trial. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 30.

AFFILIATION—

If it is desirable to reject applicant for affiliation it can only be done by blackball. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 31.

ATHEISTS—

1. If a brother denies the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, charges should be preferred against him in the lodge within whose jurisdiction he is residing, and he should be tried and, if convicted, expelled from the order. The fact that the brother has dimited, has lost his dimit and applies for a duplicate, makes no difference where the fact of infidelity has developed since he was dimited. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 17.

2. If an Investigating Committee learns that the petitioner is an atheist, the finding should be reported to the Worshipful Master, who, after he has satisfied himself that the petitioner is an atheist, should order the petition returned on the ground that the lodge *has not jurisdiction*. *Wisconsin* 1906, p. 10.

BALLOT—

1. Not only has the lodge the right to postpone balloting upon a petition after report of the committee has been received, but very often it might be their duty to do so, for the purpose of obtaining further information in regard to the character of the candidates. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 24.

2. A member of the lodge has not only the right to cast a black-ball, but his conduct is reprehensible if he knows a good reason why the applicant is not good material out of which to make a good Mason and fails to blackball him. No brother has any right to know who cast the blackball, much less to question the brother's motives. The making of speeches by members after the result is declared, casting a slur or criticising the brother who cast the blackball is un-masonic, and deserves the severest condemnation. *Mississippi* 1907, p. 115.

3. A ballot without any report from the Investigation Committee is not legal. *Nova Scotia* 1906, p. 33.

4. A black-ball may be withdrawn before the result is declared, if no one has left the lodge-room and the lodge has not been closed. *Tennessee* 1907, p. 21.

BALLOT BOXES—

1. If the ballot box used by the lodge is so defective that the marbles may become mingled with the ballots cast, nothing can be done in the case of those candidates who are rejected. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 28.

2. Cubes are not permitted to be used in the ballot. *Pennsylvania* 1906, p. 134.

CANDIDATES—

1. It is one of the landmarks of ancient Freemasonry that no Mason shall solicit or invite in any manner any other person to become a Mason, or to petition a lodge for initiation. Any brother violating this rule would be guilty of un-masonic conduct, and be subject to charges, trial and punishment. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 16.

2. If the material is such that if his petition has been presented to a lodge at A, it would have been rejected, therefore in all justice that lodge should refuse request for waiver of jurisdiction. *Florida* 1907, p. 177.

3. The publication or distribution of printed circulars advocating the election of any brother is so contrary to the spirit of Masonry and traditions of our craft that its practice should be, and is absolutely forbidden. *New Jersey* 1907, p. 132.

4. A candidate having been regularly proposed and elected cannot be considered a rejected candidate should the lodge subsequently by vote, refuse to give him his degrees and return his initiation fee. By so doing all claim between the lodge and candidate is absolutely lost, and the applicant stands as though he had never applied for membership, and is at liberty to take his application as if he had never been proposed and elected, subject to territorial jurisdiction. *New Jersey* 1907, p. 131.

5. If an unnaturalized foreigner is residing within the jurisdiction of the lodge the time constitutionally required to give jurisdiction, he is the lawful material of that lodge. Residence, not citizenship, is the test. *South Carolina* 1906, p. 19.

CHARITY—

If a lodge hires a nurse for a brother who is amply able to pay for himself, it would not look well to try to collect pay for the same; nor should the bill be filed with his administrator in case of his death. Such actions would only tend to belittle the Masonic Fraternity in the eyes of the public. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 30.

COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION—

1. When a petition is in the hands of a committee and the committee, or any one of them, know sufficient for rejecting the applicant but report favorably and then blackball the candidate, held, that the committee would be acting in bad faith and deceiving the lodge. The committee should report the facts. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 18.

2. The investigation should proceed, as far as possible, without the knowledge or assistance of the petitioner. The application, if properly executed, lays sufficient foundation upon which to base an investigation. The report should be thorough and just, and without fear or favor, and this can best be accomplished without disclosing the identity of the committee to the applicant. *Idaho* 1906, p. 41.

3. It is absolutely necessary, in all cases, for the committee of investigation to call personally upon the petitioner, making diligent inquiry and satisfy themselves that the candidate has made truthful statement about himself, inquire into his physical condition, and if any physical defect is found it should be reported to the Worshipful Master of the lodge. *New Jersey* 1907, p. 131.

CONFERRING DEGREES—

If a lodge which is, upon request, to confer degrees for another lodge, considers the candidate unworthy to be a Mason, they should refuse to confer the degrees upon him, and notify his lodge of the fact and give reasons therefor. *Idaho* 1906, p. 41.

DEGREE TEAM—

There is nothing illegal in the lodge selecting a team for the conferring of degrees, and this team may do the work, providing the Master and other officers agree that the team shall do the work. It is the duty of the officers to do the work, but they certainly have the legal right to delegate this duty to any brother or brethren who are proficient. *Mississippi* 1907, p. 115.

DIMITS—

Dimit cannot be granted to an E. A. *Florida* 1907, p. 177.

DRUNKENNESS—

Habitual drunkenness is such as has become a habit, to be judged by the special circumstances in each case. Drunkenness for one time only is a masonic offense. *Georgia* 1906, p. 115.

DUES—

Members pay dues from the day of affiliation to raising, and if the brother is raised just a few days before Dec. 27th, his dues should pay for that date. *Mississippi* 1907, p. 142.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP—

Dual membership is not permitted. It is not permissible for a brother to be a member of two lodges at one and the same time, either in this jurisdiction, or in this and another. *Pennsylvania* 1906, p. 135.

EVIDENCE—

If a testimony of profanes cannot be obtained, through their willful neglect to appear, it would be competent for the members of the committee appointed to investigate the matter affecting the welfare of the lodge, to state upon their honor as Masons what these profanes said. *South Carolina* 1906, p. 21.

INSTRUCTION OF CANDIDATES—

The Master of the lodge should select competent brethren of his lodge, whose duty it should be to instruct the candidates in the several degrees, so that they may give evidence of proficiency before advancement. *Pennsylvania* 1906, p. 137.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS—

1. Every one in any way connected with the conducting of a liquor business, from the porter who hauls the coal to the man whose money is invested, becomes a part of the traffic. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 98.

This doctrine was applied to a bookkeeper.

2. A member of a lodge in Florida who is bookkeeper and accountant for a man engaged in the liquor business, and who has no other connection with the business other than a clerical one, and working in that capacity alone, is not liable to charges. *Florida* 1907, p. 176.

3. If an E. A. is now engaged or does engage in the liquor business, whether it be illicit or otherwise, his progress should be arrested and charges preferred. *Florida* 1907, p. 177.

4. The excessive use of intoxicating liquors is good and sufficient reason to bar any man from receiving the degrees of Masonry, and such an one must not be admitted. *Idaho* 1906, p. 41.

JURISDICTION—

1. Where the lodge is located in an incorporated town or city, the measurements should begin from the nearest point of the corporate limits to the residence of the petitioner. If the lodge is located in an unincorporated place, measurements should begin from the lodge building. *Florida* 1907, p. 178.

2. The consent of the Grand Master is not necessary to the waiver of jurisdiction by a lodge over its own material. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 28.

MASONIC CEMETERY—

There can be no objection to the erecting of a monument by a non-masonic organization at the grave of the brother Mason in the Masonic Cemetery. His family and friends should have the privilege of marking his last resting place as they think best, if within the bounds of reason. *Idaho* 1906, p. 42.

MASONIC BURIAL—

Non-affiliates are not entitled to a masonic burial as a *matter of right.* The granting or refusing same is a matter in the discretion of the Master of the subordinate lodge,—a discretion that should always be wisely and masonically exercised. *Nova Scotia* 1906, p. 34.

MEMBERS—

Any member of the lodge in good standing has a right to attend his lodge at any and all times when in session, and no officer has legal power to deny him this right. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 15.

MINUTE-BOOK—

The use of loose leaf binder for a minute-book of Lodges is prohibited. *New Jersey* 1907, p. 130.

OBJECTIONS—

A brother having objections to a petitioner should not attempt to get anyone to act for him. If he believes the petitioner to be unworthy, it is his duty to attend the meeting and exercise his prerogative. *Pennsylvania* 1906, p. 134.

OBJECTION TO ADVANCEMENT—

Objection to advancement can only be made by a member of the lodge doing the work. *Oklahoma* 1907, p. 28.

OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT—

A subordinate lodge, as such, has no communication with the outside world, and therefore should not give an official endorsement to a brother who is an applicant for a position under the government, or a corporation. This does not apply to the individual members of such lodge, nor prevent them mentioning his masonic standing. *Alabama* 1906, p. 49.

OFFICERS—

1. If, before installation, objection is made by any brother to the installing of the Master, the installing officer should proceed no further in the installation ceremony, but ascertain at once the reasons for such objection, and if they are good and sufficient and the brother, or brethren making same, signify intention of preferring charges in the manner provided by law, the installation should be refused until such charges are disposed of. However, if upon investigation the installing officer determines that such objections are not good and sufficient, or the brother, or brethren decline to prefer charges, the installation will be proceeded with. *Alabama* 1906, p. 49.

(Consideration of the above was deferred until the 1907 communication of the Grand Lodge.)

2. No brother is eligible for Master unless he has certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or his deputy, affirming his ability to give the Idaho work entire. *Idaho* 1906, p. 41.

3. One who has served as Warden of a lodge in another jurisdiction is eligible to the office of Master in this jurisdiction. *Kansas* 1907, p. 32.

4. The objection to the installation of the Senior Warden on the ground that he was not qualified to fulfill the duties of his office nor to preside in the East, in the absence of the Worshipful Master, is unavailing. While it is very unwise for a lodge to elect, or a Mason to accept an office for which he is not qualified, there is no power by which such unwise action can be corrected. *New Mexico* 1906, p. 39.

5. One not a citizen of the United States is not eligible to be elected to the office of the Worshipful Master. *Pennsylvania* 1906, p. 138.

PAST MASTERS—

Where the Senior Warden succeeds to the East upon the death of the Worshipful Master, he does not at the expiration of his term hold the office of Past Master. *Wisconsin* 1906, p. 10.

PETITIONS—

1. If the document has been mislaid or lost it does not alter the fact of petition. The committee can and should report the same as if the document were in hand. After the petition is given to the committee it cannot be withdrawn but must got to ballot. *Florida* 1907, p. 178.

2. Only Master Masons and members of the lodge can recommend the petition of an applicant for initiation. *Florida* 1907, p. 178.

PLACE OF MEETING—

The lodge cannot meet alternately in different places, it must have a permanent place of meeting, and it must be in the place named in its charter or dispensation, but it may meet in any suitable place in the town or city named in its charter unless limited to a particular building by its charter. The lodge has no right to call a meeting for the purpose of conferring degrees in a town other than the one in which the lodge is situated, unless by special dispensation. *Mississippi* 1907, p. 120.

PRESIDING OFFICERS—

To "congregate" a lodge means to call it to order and direct the brethren to clothe and prepare for labor. At this juncture it is proper for the Senior Warden, presiding in the absence of the Master, either to continue with the ceremony of opening the lodge, or relinquish the chair to a Past Master. *South Carolina* 1906, p. 21.

PRO-TEMPORARY OFFICERS—

The brother that occupies the chair and does the work should be given credit in the minutes for having filled the position. If the regular officer comes in later, he is marked present. *Wisconsin* 1906, p. 9.

REPEAL OF EDICTS, ETC.—

The repeal of an edict carries with it the revocation of a dispensation granted under it, and which remains unexecuted. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 17.

ROMAN CATHOLICS—

There is no reason why a young man who is reported to be a Roman Catholic cannot become a Mason. Masonry does not presume to dictate a man's religion, if he is a believer in a Supreme Being. *Michigan* 1906, p. 65.

ST. JOHN'S DAY—

When either of the two festival communications (June 24, or Dec. 27) occurs on Sunday, the Saturday previous, or the Monday following, may be celebrated without special dispensation. *Georgia* 1906, p. 40.

TRIALS—See Evidence.

If a brother having been regularly served with notice of the time and place of his trial, and wilfully refuses to appear, the Worshipful Master should not appoint a defender, but should proceed with the trial as though the brother was present, and his willful refusal to appear after notice, is a violation of his obligation, and the lodge should deal with him for same. *Arkansas* 1906, p. 99.

VISITATION—

A diploma will not entitle one to visit the lodge without having passed a satisfactory examination. The applicants for admission to a masonic lodge must, if not properly vouched for, take the test oath and pass a satisfactory examination by a duly appointed committee for the purpose. *Nevada* 1906, p. 25.

WITHDRAWAL—See Abandoning the Lodge.

A brother cannot voluntarily withdraw from our order. Masonry may suspend or expel, but does not sanction a voluntary withdrawal from its ranks; a brother, if in good standing, can take a dimit from his lodge. *New Mexico* 1906, p. 36.

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At the Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, held at Grand Forks, June 25th and 26th, 1907, the following grand officers were elected, appointed and installed:

ELECTED

JOHN RIESSBECK (32), M.·. W.·. Grand Master.....Dickinson
SYLVESTER J. HILL (1), R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master.....Fargo
HALFDAN BENDEKE (4), R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden.....Grand Forks
JOHN J. HULL (15), R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden.....Wahpeton
CLINTON D. LORD (26), R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer.....Park River
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1), R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary.....Fargo

APPOINTED

ROBERT MORRISON (2), W.·. Senior Grand Deacon.....Pembina
WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26), W.·. Junior Grand Deacon....Address, Fargo
JAMES L. GREEN (39), W.·. Senior Grand Steward.....Sheldon
WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12), W.·. Junior Grand Steward.....Lisbon
FRANK A. COUSINS (56), W.·. Grand Marshal.....Carrington
THOMAS SIMS (44), W.·. Grand Sword Bearer.....Bottineau
WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4), W.·. Grand Pursuivant.....Grand Forks
JORGEN HOWARD (10), W.·. Grand Tyler.....Hillsboro
LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7), W.·. Grand Chaplain.....Valley City
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11), W.·. Grand Orator.....Grafton
CLARENCE A. HALE (4), W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor...Grand Forks
ROBERT M. CAROTHERS (4), W.·. Fraternal Correspondent..Grand Forks

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence Committee—John F. Selby (10), Hillsboro; George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; Robert M. Carothers (4), Grand Forks; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Edwin H. James (30), St. Thomas; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope; Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas.

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; William A. Dillon (5), Bismarck; Harry Lord (40), Cando.

Grievances and Appeals Committee—John McDonald (28), Inkster; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Thomas Harrison (10), address, Blanchard; Charles K. Wing (38), Crystal; Augustus P. Folsom (32), Dickinson.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota will be held at Fargo, beginning the fourth Tuesday in June, 1908, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota was opened at 10 o'clock a. m., in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fargo, on Tuesday, continuing in said city during Wednesday, being the 30th day of June and the 1st day of July, A. D. 1908, A.·. L.·. 5908.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

ELECTED.

John Riessbeck (32).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

APPOINTED.

Robert Morrison (2).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon
William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward
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Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor

The Grand Secretary reporting that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, the Grand Master, assisted by the grand officers, proceeded to open the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the State of North Dakota in ample form.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Comittee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The Grand Master then appointed as such committee: Brothers James McCormick (54), Gustav A. Huss (82), William W. Erb (58).

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother William Spriggs (4), was adopted.

(For report, see Appendix immediately following closing.)

INVITATION.

R.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That all Master Masons in good standing, resident and sojourning, be invited to attend this communication of the Grand Lodge.

Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

R.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1) moved:

That the reading of the minutes of the last annual communication be dispensed with, and that they be approved as printed.

Carried.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Comitte on Division and Reference of reports of grand officers be appointed, to whom shall be refered the several reports without further action.

Carried.

COMMITTEE—DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then announced as such Committee on Division and Reference: W.·. Bro. Frank Sims (47), W.·. Bro. Milo J. Pitkin (76), and Charles E. Boyden (12).

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother John Riessbeck (32), then read his annual address:

BRETHREN: I welcome you to this, the nineteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Another year with its clouds and sunshine, its light and shadows, its pleasures and sorrows, has become a part of the immutable record of the past; and we are again met to review our acts during this period, and to deliberate and legislate for the future.

The past year has been a prosperous one for Ancient Craft Masonry in this grand jurisdiction, and the extension of Masonic Light has kept pace with the material development of this great commonwealth. In a little more than a decade, the number of lodges in the state has nearly doubled. In 1897, when I first attended the communication of the Grand Lodge, there were forty-six chartered lodges, while at the present time there are eighty-two in this grand jurisdiction, and seven lodges under dispensation.

Let us, therefore, give thanks to the Supreme Architect of the Universe, who has guided our steps in the past, for the manifold blessings we enjoy, and let us prove ourselves worthy of them by regulating our lives

and conduct to conform to the beautiful teachings and splendid principles of this, the greatest, moral, intellectual and religious order on earth, by continuing to live "true to our government and just to our country," to abide in "faith, hope and charity," to labor with "temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice," and to "practice pure religion, undefiled."

POSTPONEMENT OF GRAND LODGE.

The primary election by statute being fixed for the fourth Tuesday in June, the day fixed for the convening of the Grand Lodge, it became evident early in the year that it would be impracticable to hold our grand session at the usual time. I, therefore, took the matter up with the various lodges, and in every case, except two or three, it was thought advisable to postpone our annual session. Acting along the suggestions, I postponed the annual communication of the Grand Lodge to this, the 30th day of June.

Gradually the Grand Lodge has been forced to change its meetings, each change being later in June, until now we are virtually forced out of this month.

It will always be impracticable to hold our sessions in June, prior to the primary election, for reasons too obvious to be said, and, perhaps, there is some way in which the conflict can be adjusted, and, therefore, would recommend that the matter be referred to a special committee.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

Before proceeding with a detailed account of my official acts during the past year, it is but fitting that we should pause and give a few thoughts to those who have passed through the dark shadows of the valley of death to the Supreme Grand Lodge above.

This grand jurisdiction has suffered an almost irreparable loss in the death of two of its most distinguished Past Grand Masters: Past Grand Master John F. Selby and Past Grand Master Robert M. Carothers.

Bro. John F. Selby died January 8, 1908, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. At the time of his death he was chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge, which position he held since 1892. His great masonic knowledge and unerring logic made him distinctively a moulder of our legislation. His guiding spirit will long be missed by this grand body.

Bro. John F. Selby was born in Millbrook, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1849. He died January 8, 1908, aged fifty-nine years. During his youth he attended the public schools of his native town; studied law with R. J. Lamberton, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, and in 1878 was admitted to the bar. From that time until 1880, he practiced his profession in Edinburg of that state. In 1881, he located at Hillsboro, North Dakota, the county seat of Traill County. He at once entered into the active affairs of his new home.

During the first year of his residence, a dispensation was granted to form a new masonic lodge at Hillsboro, and he was Master under the dispensation, and the first Master under the charter.

In 1884, he was elected state's attorney of the county, to which position he was re-elected in 1898. In 1888, he was elected a member of the State Constitutional Convention, and, in 1889, elected a member of the first, and what is known as the double-term, Legislative Assembly. Here he served as a member of the House of Representatives. For the past fourteen years he was a member of the Board of Education of Hillsboro, twelve of which he served as president of the board. At the time of his death, he was serving his second term as mayor of the city. Immediately after statehood, he was appointed United States district attorney. He left surviving a wife and one daughter. His was an active life, and always for principles he believed were true.

Raised in Edinburgh Lodge No. 550, A.·. F.·. .·. A.·. M.·., Edinburg, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1879. Charter member of Hillsboro Lodge No. 10, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and its first Master. Elected First Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota, 1889, and made Grand Master in June, 1891. Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge from 1892 to time of his death. Was a member of Dakota Consistory No. 1, A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·., of Fargo, North Dakota. Member of Hillsboro Lodge Perfection A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·., and served as its Venerable Master for four years, his term ending April, 1907. Had been a member of El Zagal Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo, since April 27, 1899. Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of the State of North Dakota, 1904.

While the grief was fresh upon us through the loss of our Past Grand Master John F. Selby, the bell tolled again to send the sad tidings of the death of our beloved brother Robert Milligan Carothers, Past Grand Master. The city that knew the years of his manhood bowed its head in grief, for one of its best, most active and respected citizens had left its streets forever. Brother Carothers was in his fourty-eighth year. In 1897, he was elected Grand Master of the state, and served in that capacity for one year, and since that time he has served on the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Robert Milligan Carothers was the son of Rev. Robert Carothers and Emeline E. Carothers née Milligan. He was born at Swissvale, a suburb of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1859. He died at Grand Forks, North Dakota, February 4, 1908. He was educated at the Western University of Pennsylvania. In 1883, he came to Dakota Territory, first engaging as a school teacher. Subsequently, he attended and was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan. In 1890, he was elected county judge of Grand Forks County, and filled that position for ten years. He served a number of terms as member of the city council, and was so serving at the time of his death. He was closely identified in church work, representing the Presbyterian Society in many positions, and in October, 1907, was elected moderator of the synod of the state. In 1895, he was

married to Miss Helen R. Fulton. Three children were born to them, and all are left to mourn the loss of husband and father.

Robert M. Carothers was made Master Mason, November 27, 1891, in Acacia Lodge No. 4, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.; a Royal Arch Mason, March 1. 1892, in Corinthian Chapter No. 3; Knighted June 1, 1892, in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, all of Grand Forks, North Dakota. Served as Worshipful Master in 1895, High Priest in 1895, Eminent Commander, 1899 to 1901, of the bodies named. In 1897, was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of the state, and in 1903 was R.·. E.·. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.·. T.·.. Was a member of Carmel Lodge of Perfection, of Grand Forks, and a member of El Zagal Temple A. A. O. N. M. S., of Fargo. After his term of office as Grand Master, he served continually as a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; also served continuously, after the term of his office as Grand Commander, as a member of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence in the Grand Commandery. For a number of years, he wrote the Reports on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Lodge, and was so engaged at the time of his death.

Into all affairs of life, whether civil, masonic, or religious, he brought the spirit of tolerance, the conscience of justice, the clearness of comprehension, the knowledge of scholarship, the sincerity of conviction, and the urbanity of a gentleman. Life holds too few of such men as he, and life was made the better for his having lived.

Selby and Carothers gone! What greater loss could be sustained by our Grand Lodge! As members of the Jurisprudence Committee, their guiding hands had moulded our legislation and kept the tesselated field free from the weeds of ill-timed, visionary, impracticable and ill-advised laws.

A number of the subordinate lodges of this Grand Lodge have been called upon to mourn the loss of some of its members, who have been called to the great beyond.

It will be the duty of the Committee on Fraternal Dead to formulate a more extended report on these maters, including the names of eminent Masons, who have been summoned by death in sister grand jurisdictions.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Only one request for approval of by-laws was submitted to me; viz. those of Buffalo Lodge No. 77, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Buffalo, North Dakota. These I examined carefully, and, not finding anything in them conflicting with the Grand Lodge Code, I duly approved them.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

On July 15, 1907, at the request of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 51. A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Williston, North Dakota, I granted permission for that particular lodge to incorporate, and approved their articles of incorporation, which they had submitted to me.

JOHN F. SELBY,
Grand Master 1891-1892.
Chairman Jurisprudence Committee.
Died January 8, 1908.

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LAYING OF CORNER STONE.

Early in July, 1907, I received a request from Bro. G. F. Erskine, of Sarles, North Dakota, to lay the corner-stone of the new school house at that place on July 10th. Circumstances being such as to prevent me from attending to this matter personally, I, in compliance with the wishes of the brethren at Sarles, had the pleasure of appointing Worshipful Brother J. Ransom Hall, 32 degree, K. C. C. H., as my deputy for that occasion.

The following comprehensive report was received from him:

CALVIN, N. D., July 11, 1907.

"*Most Worshipful John Riessbeck,*
"*Grand Master of Masons of North Dakota.*

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to submit the following report of ceremonies performed at Sarles, N. D., yesterday, under your commission of July, A. D. 1907, A.·. L.·. 5907.

"As your deputy, I opened a provisional Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. in Woodman's Hall, from which we marched to the site of the proposed new public school building, between eighty and ninety Master Masons being in line.

"We were favored with exceedingly fine weather, and a large concourse of ladies, gentlemen and children witnessed the laying of the corner-stone of the public school building, which was done agreeably to the ancient usages of the order as indicated in Simon's Monitor. This was followed by addresses along educational lines by the superintendents of public schools for Cavalier and Towner Counties and by myself.

"People were gathered from neighboring towns and surrounding country for miles about, and even many from across the national line. The ceremonies were, I think, well performed, and, I am confident, left in the minds of those witnessing them, most of them for the first time, impressions favorable to the order.

"I was assisted in the work by Hon. D. McKechnie as R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Harry Atkinson as R.·. W.·. S.·. Grand Warden, Capt. Frank Ross as R.·. W.·. J.·. G.·. W.·., C. C. Crawford as R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, W. H. Porter as R.·. W.·. G.·. Treasurer, Archie Sellers as W.·. G.·. Marshal, J. Kelland as Grand Architect and W. R. Hendry as Grand Chaplain.

"Other brethren filled all necessary official positions besides these, and the Sarles Brass Band furnished music for the occasion.

"The provisional Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the brethren dispersed, feeling that the occasion was one of enjoyment to themselves and profit to the order.

"Yours respectfully and fraternally,
"J. RANSOM HALL, 32d Degree, K. C. C. H."

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

Four lodges were constituted the past year, but as all of these are located in another part of the state and at a great distance from my home, I, in each case, appointed a deputy to represent me and constitute the lodges.

On July 8, 1907, I appointed Brother L. W. Gammons, of Minot, as my deputy to constitute Glenburn Lodge No. 79, at Glenburn, and install its officers. The following is his report:

"August 22, 1907.

"*Hon. John Riessbeck, Dickinson, N. D.*

"WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: Under and by virtue of the authority in me vested by annexed commission, I proceeded to Glenburn and on the evening of August 15, 1907, duly constituted Glenburn Lodge No. 79, at Glenburn, N. D., and duly installed the officers thereof.

"Bro. Clarence V. Ferguson was installed Master; Bro. Wm. W. Shepard was installed Senior Warden; Bro. Ed. S. Healy was installed Junior Warden.

"Bro. Thomas E. Fox, of this city, accompanied me and rendered valuable assistance in the ceremonies.

"I was received and treated by the brethren of Glenburn with the courtesy due your representative.

"This lodge is well officered and equipped, and I predict a bright and successful future for it.

"Thanking you for the high honor conferred upon me by the appointment as your deputy for this service, and assuring you that it is fully appreciated, I remain,

"Fraternally,
"L. W. GAMMONS."

On August 2, 1907, I appointed Worshipful Brother Milo J. Pitkin, W.·. M.·. of Velva Lodge No. 76, of Velva, N. D., to act as my deputy for the purpose of constituting Holden Lodge No. 81, of Balfour, N. D., and install its officers. His report is as follows:

SAWYER, N. D., Feb. 6, 1908.

"*John Riessbeck, M.·. W.·. Grand Master,*
"*Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., Dickinson, N. D.*

SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to report, that pursuant to your commission, giving me authority to act as your deputy, and according to your instructions, I went to Balfour on August 10, 1907, and with the assistance of Velva Lodge No. 76 constituted Holden Lodge No. 81, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and installed its officers in due and ancient form, and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Master.

"The members are mostly young and energetic men, and are well skilled in the secret work of the order, and have every appearance of a bright future before them.

"Fraternally yours,
"MILO J. PITKIN,
"*W.·. M.·. Velva Lodge No. 76.*"

On September 9, 1907, I appointed Brother Thomas Sims of Bottineau, N. D., to represent me in constituting Antler Lodge No. 80, of Antler, N. D., and to install its officers. He reported as follows:

"BOTTINEAU, N. D. Sept. 25, 1907.

"*Mr. John Riessbeck, Grand Master, Dickinson, N. D.*

DEAR SIR AND M.·. W.·. BRO: I have the honor to report that, agreeably to your instructions, I proceeded to Antler on Sept. 20, 1907, and constituted Antler Lodge No. 80, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., installed its officers and delivered the charter to the Worshipful Master.

I was ably assisted in the work by Bro. W. J. Reynolds, W.·. M.·. of Westhope Lodge, Bro. John Turner, W.·. M.·., and several members of Tuscan Lodge. After the ceremonies of installation, the lodge passed one candidate to the F.·. C.·. Degree, and raised one to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

"Antler Lodge is exceedingly unfortunate in that W.·. M.·. Bro. John Walrath has been obliged to leave Antler on account of business; and, as he has been a tireless worker for the good cause and is exceptionally well informed in Masonry, his place will be hard to fill. However, the members are all enthusiastic, and as they have a good community, with plenty of good masonic timber available, I doubt not that their lodge will prosper and be a credit to our fraternity. "Fraternally yours,

"THOS. SIMS."

On September 16, 1907, I commissioned Bro. L. W. Gammons of Minot, N. D., to constitute Lansford No. 82, and install its officers.

His report to me was as follows:

"MINOT, N. D., Sept. 28 1907.

"*Mr. John Rissbeck, Grand Master, Dickinson, N. D.*

"MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: Under authority of your commission of date September 16, 1907, I duly constituted Lansford Lodge No. 82, and installed its officers last evening, September 27, 1907.

"Brethren from Glenburn and Mohall ably assisted in the ceremonies, and a proper fraternal spirit appears to exist between these neighboring lodges.

"The following officers were installed in the positions named:

"Gustav A. Huss, W.·. M.·.
"William R. Banks, S.·. W.·.
"Clarence C. Banks, J.·. W.·.
"John F. Walstad, Sec.

"I was received and treated with the courtesy due your representative, and herewith return commission with my thanks for the trust and confidence extended by its issue.

"Fraternally,
"L. W. GAMMONS."

DISPENSATION—NEW LODGES.

By a resolution of the Grand Lodge last year, Edmore Lodge U.·. D.·., was not granted a charter, but dispensation was continued.

During the past year six dispensations for new lodges have been granted by me.

On July 10, 1907, I issued dispensation for a new lodge at Portal, Ward County, N. D., to be known as Portal Lodge U.·. D.·., with the following officers:

Bro. Roy T. McNaughten, W.·. M.·.
Bro. Harry F. Turner, S.·. W.·.
Bro. Wm. J. Bruchman, J.·. W.·.
Bro. T. A. Nelson, Treas.·.
Bro. Loring W. Jordan, Sec.·.

On September 30, 1907, I granted dispensation for the formation of a new lodge at Upham, in McHenry County, N. D., to be known as Meadow Lodge U.·. D.·.. The officers of the new lodge are:

Bro. Chas. E. Fouts, W.·. M.·.
Bro. Carton N. Cocks, S.·. W.·.
Bro. Chas. I. Freeman, J.·. W.·.
Bro. Robt. M. Russell, Treas..
Bro. Tillman Smith, Sec.·.

On February 1, 1908, I issued dispensation for the organization of a new lodge at Sarles, in Cavalier County N. D., to be known as Eureka Lodge U.·. D.·.. The officers named for the said lodge were:

Bro. Fred A. Plummer, W.·. M.·.
Bro. David W. Elves, S.·. W.·.
Bro. George F. Erskine, J.·. W.·.
Bro. Charles F. Sawyer, Treas.·.
Bro. James D. McLennan, Sec.·.

On February 14, 1908, I granted dispensation to establish a new lodge at Beach, Billings County, N. D., to be known as Sunset Lodge U.·. D.·., and named the following officers:

Bro. William A. Sprague, W.·. M.·.
Bro. F. D. Cooper, S.·. W.·.
Bro. Josiah R. Delany, J.·. W.·.
Bro. Frank E. Heath, Treas.·.
Bro. John A. McGregor, Sec.·.

On April 1, 1908, I issued a dispensation to organize a new lodge at Russell, Bottineau County, N. D., to be known as Russell Lodge U.·. D.·.. The officers of this lodge are:

Bro. Frank G. Orr, W.·. M.·.
Bro. A. J. Kane, S.·. W.·.
Bro. Harry M. Cornell, J.·. W.·.
Bro. William H. Godfrey, Treas.·.
Bro. William A. McHugh, Sec.·.

On December 16, 1907, I granted dispensation for a new lodge at McClusky, in McLean County, N. D., to be known as McClusky Lodge U.·. D.·., with the following officers:

Bro. James R. Howell, W.·. M.·.
Bro. William C. Melville, S.·. W.·.
Bro. Jerry P. Marvin, J.·. W.·.
Bro. William M. Hambleton, Treas.·.
Bro. Elmer E. Green, Sec.·.

DISPENSATIONS GENERAL.

On the 19th of July, 1907, at the request of John H. G. Turner, W.·. M.·. of Tuscan Lodge No. 44, of Bottineau, N. D., I granted dispensation to that lodge to hold their second annual outdoor meeting on Park Island, Lake Metigoshe, on July 31, 1907. The request for a dispensation was accompanied by a very cordial invitation for me to be present on that occasion, but circumstances were such that I was compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting with the brethren.

Quite a number of requests for dispensation were received some for conferring degrees in less than the statutory time and some for election of officers at special elections.

Most of the requests I granted, but a few I deemed it best to deny.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year I have issued commissions upon the recommendations of the Grand Masters of the stated jurisdictions to the following named brethren.

Bro. L. Hendrickson of Santiago, Chili, to represent the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, near the Grand Lodge of Chili, South America.

Bro. E. A. Upham of Marshfield, Wisconsin, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, near the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Bro. James Reid of Vegreville, Alberta, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

W.·. Bro. Benjamin A. Caruthers, near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

R.·. W.·. Bro. J. H. Elliott, near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

Bro. James C. Gorman, near the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Bro. Edmund Cord of Wilmot, S. D., near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

I have also recommended the following named brethren of this grand jurisdiction to be appointed representatives near this Grand Lodge of other Grand Lodges, viz.:

Chas. E. Tillson, Worshipful Master, Carrington N. D., for Alberta.

C. V. Ferguson, Worshipful Master, Glenburn, N. D., for Saskatchewan.

H. R. Berndt, Worshipful Master, Bismarck, N. D., for Chili, South America.

Bro. John C. Fremont Parker, Dickinson, N. D., for Prince Edwards Island.

Commission for these, if not already issued, will be received in the due course of business.

DISTRIBUTING COPIES OF ORATION OF GRAND ORATOR.

During the Grand Lodge sessions of 1905 and 1907, Hon. Walter L. Stockwell, Past Grand Master, and as Grand Orator, two such excellent orations were delivered by him that I deemed it for the benefit of the craft that every Mason of our membership should have a copy of them. These orations were printed in pamphlet form and distributed among the members of the craft in this grand jurisdiction.

A persual of these orations will bring thoughts that all Masons should think, and aspirations that all Masons should feel.

DEDICATING MASONIC HALLS.

On April 7, 1908, I deputized Bro. C. E. McMillan, P.·. M.·., to represent me at the dedication of the new temple of Ionic Lodge No. 64, at Hannah. N. D., which took place on April 14, 1908.

The following is his report:

"HANNAH, N. D., April 30, 1908.

"*John Riessbeck,*

"*Most Worshipful Grand Master A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., Dickinson, N. D.*

"MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to report to you, that pursuant to your commission of April 7, 1908, granting me authority to act as your deputy, I dedicated in due and ancient form the new Masonic Temple at Hannah, N. D. (the property of the brethren of Ionic Lodge No. 64), on the 14th day of April, 1908.

"The dedication ceremonies were attended by brethren from the surrounding lodges of Langdon, Calvin and Sarles. The temple is a worthy monument to the enterprise of brethren of Ionic Lodge.

"Fraternally submitted,

"CHARLES B. McMILLAN."

On February 17, 1908, I commissioned Bro. J. A. McJannet to represent me at the dedication of the Masonic Temple of Star in the West Lodge No. 33, at Minot, N. D.

The brethren had sent me a very cordial invitation to be present, but much to my regret, circumstances prevented this. The fact that I had assisted in laying the corner-stone of this temple the preceding year made my disappointment all the keener.

Brother McJannet reported to me as follows:

"MINOT, N. D., April 20, 1908.

"*Mr. John Riessbeck, Grand Master,*

"*Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., Dickinson, N. D.*

"MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR: Acting under the authority of your commission dated February 17, 1908, on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1908, with the assistance of Bro. W. B. Hawley as deputy Grand Master, Bro. L. A. Larson as Senior Warden, Bro. C. F. Truax as Junior Grand Warden, Bro. Joseph Crow as Grand Treasurer, Bro. Peter Anderson as Grand Grand Secretary, Bro. W. C. Hunter as Grand Chaplain, Bro. G. D. Colcord as Grand Senior Deacon, Bro. Martin Jacobson as Grand Junior Deacon, Bro. S. Geo. White as Senior Grand Steward, Bro. A. C. Hanson as Junior Grand Steward, Bro. Chas. Schumacker as Grand Tiler and Bro. Wm. Murray as Grand Marshal, I dedicate the new temple of Star in the West Lodge No. 33 to the uses Freemasonry in due and ancient form.

"The occasion was made a memorial one by the gathering of many of the brethren from all parts of the county, and from adjoining counties. A most enjoyable reception and ball followed the ceremonies of dedication, and the brethren and their wives, daughters and sweethearts, danced until "the wee sma hours."

"Thanking you, most worshipful sir, for the confidence you have reposed in, and the honor you have conferred upon me by this appointment, I remain,

"Yours fraternally,

"JOHN McJANNET."

I am pained to state that ten days after Brother McJannet made his report to me the summons came, and he left us for that celestial lodge over which the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. In the death of Brother McJannet, Masonry has suffered a real loss, and this is especially true to the fraternity of the city in which he lived. Brother McJannet, for many years, had been oue of the most active and diligent workers in the quarries of Freemasonry. He was a charter member of Star in the West Lodge No. 33, of Minot, chartered June 17, 1890, and was its first Junior Warden. He has filled all of the chairs, not only in the Blue Lodge, but in the chapter and commandery, and at the time of his death was as active as, when eighteen years before, he was installed Junior Warden.

GRAND LECTURER AND AUDITOR.

Only one request for Grand Lecturer during the past year. This was from Glenburn Lodge No. 79, sometime during the later part of January,

1908. However, as W. Bro. Clarance Hale had resigned this office, and the vacancy thus created had not been filled, I was unable to comply with the request.

COURTESIES.

On March 14, 1908, I received an invitation to be present at a special communication of Glendive Lodge No. 31, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Glendive, Montana, given as a reception to Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Squire C. Kenyon, of Bozeman, Montana, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Montana. It was a pleasure to meet Brother Kenyon, who is a man of wide masonic knowledge and scholarly attainments.

The brethren exemplified the work in the Third Degree in a splendid manner, and which was further enhanced by the beautiful and impressive manner in which Bro. Robert E. Hathaway, Worshipful Master of Glendive Lodge No. 31, delivered the several lectures of the degree. The work was followed by a fine banquet, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including myself and several visiting members from Dickinson.

Last, but not least, was the invitation to install the officers of my own lodge, Dickinson No. 32. I fully appreciated the invitation, and installed the officers in due form.

DECISIONS.

Question.—Is the fact that a brother is under indictment for conducting a "Blind Pig" and "selling intoxicating liquors at retail" sufficient grounds for preferring charges in lodge to suspend him? Does it become the duty of the duty of the Master to see that charges are preferred in such a case? If, on the case coming to trial, the brother is guilty of the charge under which he is indicted, would this be sufficient grounds for expulsion?

Another case—where an application for degrees has been received and referred to a committee, and one of the committee recommends that, on account of the applicant having shown outbursts of an ungovernable temper on one or two occasions during the summer of 1907, but has shown exemplary conduct during the past six months, action be suspended for six months to allow of further time for examination, would it be proper for the lodge to take action defering the ballot on the petition six months?

Answer.—An indictment against a brother for conducting a blind pig or selling liquor contrary to the law is not sufficient in itself for preferring charges against him. The crime of which he is accused must first be proven. However, some of the brethren may have sufficient knowledge of unmasonic conduct of such brother to warrant such action, and to make it necessary for the good of the craft that charges should be preferred against him.

The charges should be in writing, and can be preferred by any one. But, to further the administration of justice, it is made the special duty of the Junior Warden, in the absence of other accusers, to prefer such charges. For forms and methods of procedure, see Grand Lodge Code.

ROBERT M. CAROTHERS,
Grand Master 1897-98.
Member Jurisprudence Committee.
Died February 4, 1908.

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An application for degrees becomes the property of the lodge when it is referred to the investigating committee. Action cannot be postponed or suspended; it must be acted upon as soon as said committee reports.

Question.—A. B. was suspended for non-payment of dues. A request for re-instatement, accompanied with payment of amount of dues at time of suspension, was received by the lodge. When time came to vote on the question of re-instatment, apparent reason existed to reject the request, and it was rejected. Since that time, the brother suspended has fixed up the cause of complaint, and we believe the brethren of the lodge are willing to reinstate the brother. Can the lodge consider a renewal of his request for re-instatement at any subsequent meeting of the lodge?

Answer.—Not being able to find anything in the statutes covering this part of the question, I would hold that the brother has the right to petition the lodge at any time after he has been rejected, provided, that the requirements of Chapter VI, on page 127, Procedure, are complied with by him, and the lodge has full authority to receive said petition and to act upon it at any subsequent stated meeting.

Question.—Can a petition for degrees, containing the information that the information that the applicant is not engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors "except as agent for a wholesale liquor house," be properly received?

Answer.—No. In the Appendix of Forms is shown the form adopted for a Petition of Initiation and one of the statements the applicant makes is: "He does not sell intoxicating liquors." No exceptions are made, nor do I believe that a petition can be properly accepted by a lodge if any *are* made. I am unable to see any difference in the moral aspect of the question as to whether a person sells liquor at retail, or solicits orders in large quantities as agent for wholesale liquor houses.

Question.—At a regular meeting there were charges filed with our secretary against one of our brothers. The night for trial was set for the 18th of October. When the time arrived, the prosecutor did not put in an appearance, and the case was dismissed for want of prosecution. Some of the brothers wanted to vote on the guilt or innocence of the person accused. I informed them of the law in regard to the matter, and then there was a motion to expunge the charges from the record. My decision was that it was beyond the powers of a lodge congregated for the purpose of a trial to take any actions in regard to expunging the records of a previous regular meeting. They wanted to recommend such actions by the lodge at the next regular meeting, but I decided that such action would not be good form. There seems to be strong prejudice existing against the complainant, and there will probably be an effort made at our next meeting to expunge the records of the September meeting. Would such action be permissible? Would such actions be masonic?

Answer—Your action in not allowing the brethren to vote on the guilt or innocence of a brother was entirely correct, no evidence having developed on which to base such a vote. You were also right in not allowing the record of the charges to be expunged from the minutes at that time,

as minutes can only be corrected at a regular meeting. You say an effort may be made at the next regular meeting to expunge from the records all reference to the matter of the charges and of the special meeting held for the purpose of trial, and you ask whether such action would be permissible or masonic. My answer is, that I do not consider the expunging of any record of proceedings that were entirely regular as far as they went, to be masonic, nor is it good business. I would therefore recommend that nothing be expunged and that the record stand.

Question.—Can a masonic lodge buy and hold stock in a co-operative institution?

Answer.—Yes; a lodge has the right to invest its surplus funds in any legitimate enterprise.

Statement of Facts. Regular meeting January 28, 1908, petition of Mr. A. was received and referred.

Regular meeting February 25th, committee reported favorably, ballot was spread and, upon examination, the Wardens and Master found the ballot to be clear and Mr. A. was declared elected.

At the regular meeting, March 10, 1908, it was understood that Mr A. would present himself for initiation. Lodge was opened and the order of business proceeded with. When the order of business, "Work Conferring Degrees," was announced by the Master, Brother F. moved as follows:

"Worshipful Master, I have been informed that at our last regular meting an illegal ballot was taken. I now move that the Master appoint a committee of three (Past Masters, if possible), to whom I may report in private what has been told to me, the committee to report to the lodge." The motion was seconded by Brother G. and was carried by the lodge The Master appointed as such committee Brothers B., C and D., to whom Brother F. reported as follows: "I have been told by Bro. B., who acted Senior Deacon at our meeting of February 25th, that he saw, when removing the balls from the box, that an unfavorable ballot had been cast Upon consulting the Code, the committee ruled that the candidate stood elected. Brother B. then stated to the committee that he had himself cast a black ball, was sure that he had done so, and sure that he had seen it in the box when removing the evidence of the ballot. The Master and Wardens were then called, who stated that they are well satisfied that the ballot was clear. The Master then postponed the conferring of the degree until the ruling of the Grand Master should be obtained.

Question.—Is the candidate elected and entitled to the degrees; if not, how shall we proceed?

Answer.—No. We must take into consideration the intent of the brother who stated that he cast the black ball. The very fact that he stated he did so showed his intention even if he might have made the mistake and picked up a white ballot when he intended to use a black one, which, no doubt was the case, else the officers who examined the ballot could not have found it clear.

The brother, however, having declared that he cast a black ball, his intensions must govern my decision, and I must declare the candidate rejected, and he must wait for the expiration of the statutory time before he can renew his application for the degrees.

Statement of Facts.—The lodge at W. expelled Brother X. for n masonic conduct some years ago. X. moved away and has lived in the jurisdiction of another lodge long enough for that lodge to acquire jurisdiction.

Question.—Has the lodge at W. lost jurisdiction over X., and, consequently, has no masonic legal right to receive and act upon his application for restoration?

Answer.—Under a decision of Past Grand Master Blacklock, 1904, as modified by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we find that when an expelled Mason moves beyond the jurisdiction of his lodge, that lodge loses jurisdiction over him. Our Code of Procedure, under "Status of One Expelled—Re-instatement under Expulsion," page 128, Code of 1906, provides that an expelled Mason must petition the lodge for restoration from which he was expelled.

In the conflict between the decision referred to and this provision of our Code of Procedure, I recognize the fact that the decision was made subsequent to the enactment of the Code provision. Yet, subsequent to either is the re-adoption of the present Code. Yet this later fact, however, weighs but little in my conclusion, for I am forced back to those fundamental laws which first governed, and now, in absence of a direct revocation, still govern the craft, and one of these fundamental laws was the right of a lodge to discipline its members and to restore them to good standing when it deemed it advisable. The law, as it now stands, does not prohibit the expelling lodge from receiving and acting upon a petition for restoration of one, a member, it has expelled. It only says that it has lost jurisdiction over him, which, I construe, to mean that the expelled Mason may petition the lodge which expelled him for restoration, or may petition a lodge for the several degrees in Masonry in whose jurisdiction he has gained a masonic residence. In other words, which course he pursues is optional. This construction, I believe, is in accord with the more liberal spirit that has modified the perpetual jurisdiction rule; at the same time, it preserves the right of a lodge to restore that which it took away.

Question.—After an expelled Mason is restored to good standing, can the several obligations be administered on the same night?

If the expelled brother resides elsewhere, can the obligations be administered by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or sojourns?

Answer.—To each of the foregoing questions my answer was, "Yes."

Many matters were referred to me, which were easily disposed of by referring to some law or approved decision in the Grand Lodge Code. I, therefore, do not deem it necessary to make them part of this report.

CONCLUSION.

A little more than a year ago, I thanked this grand body for the great honor received at its hands; I can but repeat those expressions of gratitude, and add my appreciation for the uniform courtesy and kindness received at the hands of the craft. I also wish to express my sincere thanks to our genial and efficient Grand Secretary, Brother Frank J. Thompson. whose unfailing courtesy, his willing assistance and wise counsel in time of perplexity and doubt have been of great value and assistance to me.

The memory of the period, when I had the honor, an honor second to none in this great state, of being your Grand Master, will always be remembered by me as one of the brightest epochs of my life.

I have endeavored to perform the duties of Grand Master to the best of my knowledge and ability, and in accordance with masonic law and usages, as I understood them.

To err is human and, no doubt, I have not been exempted from this human frailty, but I trust that the brethren in judging these shortcomings will let charity prevail, and consider them of the mind rather than of the heart.

It is my sincere wish that the deliberation of this grand body may be harmonious, and in keeping with the great principles of the craft, and result in promoting the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity throughout this grand jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN RIESSBECK,
Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

R.·. W.·. Bro. Clinton D. Lord (26), then read his annual report as Grand Treasurer.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

As your grand Treasurer I have the honor to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of my office for the fiscal year just ended:

RECEIPTS

1907.		
June 25.	Balance on hand as per last report	$12,547.16
1908.		
May 16.	Masonic Home	8.75
June 10.	Received from Grand Secretary	138.00
June 10.	Received from Grand Secretary	120.00
June 10.	Received from Grand Secretary	5.00
June 10.	Received from Grand Secretary	6.40
June 27.	Received from interest	280.00
June 29.	Received from Grand Secretary	5.00
June 29.	Received from Grand Secretary	7,169.00
June 29.	Received from Grand Secretary	6.19
	Total receipts	$20,285.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Order No. 329	$300.00
Paid Order No. 330	135.00
Paid Order No. 331	200.00
Paid Order No. 332	100.00
Paid Order No. 333	1,153.30
Paid Order No. 334	185.00
Paid Order No. 335	10.00
Paid Order No. 336	33.50
Paid Order No. 337	100.00
Paid Order No. 338	135.00
Paid Order No. 339	135.00
Paid Order No. 340	135.00
Paid Order No. 341	100.00
Paid Order No. 342	135.00
Paid Order No. 343	135.00
Paid Order No. 344	50.00
Paid Order No. 345	200.00
Paid Order No. 346	400.00
Paid Order No. 347	135.00
Paid Order No. 348	135.00
Paid Order No. 349	135.00
Paid Order No. 350	200.00
Paid Order No. 351	135.00
Paid Order No. 352	135.00
Paid Order No. 353	135.00
Paid Order No. 354	18.00
Paid Order No. 355	50.00
Paid Order No. 356	60.00
Paid Order No. 357	21.95
Paid Order No. 358	36.70
Paid Order No. 359	51.45
Paid Order No. 360	46.00
Paid Order No. 361	325.00
Paid Order No. 362	26.25
Paid Order No. 363	100.00
June 29, 1908—Balance	14,898.35
	$20,285.50

Fraternally submitted,
CLINTON D. LORD (26),
Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1), Grand Secretary, then read his annual report.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

It is our pleasure to submit our sixtenth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

We are pleased to say that all returns of lodges, together with dues, fees and tax, were received by your Grand Secretary on or before May 15th, thus there are no fines to be imposed for delinquency.

One would naturally be lead to believe that, after all of the years of familiarity with the method of making returns and the simplicity of the reports, the annual returns would require but little correction. Alas, for the belief! Not more than ten out of all the returns were in such shape that correspondence was not necessary to correct errors or to make returns comply with all details. The number of letters written to this end reached fully several hundred. Yet thanks be given to our system of registry, for, notwithstanding all past efforts, there was nearly one hundreed dollars collected for back fees, dues and tax upon members, which lodges had failed to report at the proper time. In many instances, in order to effect corrections, it was necessary for us to send compelte lists of the memberships to lodges in order to check up those on their rosters.

We found several cases where lodges had erroneously paid on members who were no longer on their rosters of membership, and for these they held back part of the money due the Grand Lodge, believing that they should have a rebate, and that the Grand Secretary had the power to grant such. We assured such lodges that money heretofore paid had been converted into the Grand Lodge treasury, and that your Grand Secretary had no power to give rebates, and that the return of money so erroneously paid was a matter with which the Grand Lodge only could deal.

We would recommend some definite action by the Grand Lodge upon this matter, either giving the Grand Secretary power to make such rebates, or imposing a forfeiture of such money as a penalty for the inadvertence of Secretaries in not keeping their records correct. Whatever action the Grand Lodge may take upon this subject, would facilitate work in the office of the Grand Secretary, for he then would have some law to base action or reply. What has guided your Grand Secretary thus far, is the individual action of the Grand Lodge heretofore upon cases of this kind, which has been to the effect that payment erroneously made works a forfeiture of such payment as a penalty for neglect. We often wonder what some Secretaries of small lodges would do, to whom we have written several four or five page letters to straighten out a little mistake, if they were Secretary of such a lodge as Shiloh, with nearly 550 members, and

which raises more candidates each year than the memberships of many of the lodges which get into tangles of returns.

We should like to see a strict resolution passed forbidding any lodge to receive any petition which was not filled out completely, and by that we mean the personal history called for by the petition, as well as other things. This one matter of personal history being omitted has made necessary the writing of several hundred personal letters, for instead of writing to the Secretary of the lodge, we have written to the persons themselves. Another reason why such action is recommended is that in case the petition is rejected, it is almost impossible to obtain the information omitted, at the same time it is rather embarrassing to ask such questions of one who has not been received favorably by the lodge to which he petitioned. The returns call for no more data than is required by the registry system, and the petitions call for those things which are necessary to complete our registry system. Thus, if petitions are properly filled out before they are presented to the lodge, all of the labor and expense of writing letters connected with this one feature will be eliminated.

The longer we are in this work, the more we are impressed that the most important office in the lodge is that of Secretary, but it seems to be the office least appreciated. We also find that the most prosperous lodges are those having the most efficient Secretaries. Whether it be co-incidental or not, we will leave others to infer. We wish it were so that Secretaries would attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge. We believe it would have an immense tendency to stimulate better work, more accurate work, and to harmonize and unify the details of lodge transactions, not only among all lodges themselves, but with the methods of the office of the Grand Secretary. In other words, it would add a spirit of progress to lodges, and for which there is plenty of room.

In all our dealings with Secretaries, we have found them courteous and willing to correct errors, and to learn all they could of the details connected with their offices. We believe them, as a whole, conscientious and sincere in their work, and, doubtless, sacrificing considerable time for the good of their respective lodges. We believe, where lodges can afford it, they should pay their Secretaries liberally, and, as an extra compensation, pay their expenses to the Grand Lodge annual communications, for we feel that lodges would profit by such a course.

RECEIPT OF RETURNS.

Following out the custom which we have adopted in the past, we submit the following lists. The first shows lodges whose returns, with money, were received in the Grand Secretary's office prior to May 3rd.

April 11th.—Hope No. 29, Oakes,
April 17th.—North Star No. 16, Larimore,
April 19th.—Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon,
April 23rd.—Sanborn No. 14,

April 23rd.—Golden Valley No. 26, Park River,
April 23rd.—St. Johns No. 36, Forest River,
April 24th.—Crescent No. 11, Grafton,
April 25th.—Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks,
April 25th.—Fairmount No. 37,
April 25th.—Reynolds No. 42,
April 25th.—Liberty No. 49, Enderlin,
April 25th.—Glenburn No. 79,
April 26th.—Casselton No. 3,
April 26th.—Antler No. 80,
April 27th.—Jamestown No. 6
April 29th.—Willow No. 47, Willow City,
April 30th.—Mandan No. 8,
April 30th.—Mackey No. 18, LaMoure,
April 30th.—Dickinson No. 32,
April 30th.—Lebanon No. 34, Langdon,
April 30th.—Fidelity No. 52, Drayton,
April 30th.—Dacotah No. 55, Mayville,
May 1st.—Shiloh No. 1, Fargo,
May 1st.—Wahpeton No. 15,
May 1st.—Temple No. 30, St. Thomas,
May 1st.—Mt. Moriah No. 51, Williston,
May 1st.—Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood,
May 1st.—Corinthian No. 78, Calvin,
May 2nd.—Valley City No. 7,
May 2nd.—Goose River No. 19, Portland,
May 2nd.—Forest River No. 28, Inkster,
May 2nd.—Cando No. 40,
May 2nd.—Prudence No. 68, Cogswell,
May 2nd.—Holden No. 81, Balfour.

The following list shows receipt of returns within fifteen days after last meeting:

	No. of Days.		No. of Days.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	1	Crescent No. 11, Grafton	6
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	1	Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	6
North Star No. 16, Larimore	2	Edmore U.·. D.·.	6
Golden Valley No. 26, Park River	2	Mt. Moriah No. 51, Williston	7
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	2	Ionic No. 64, Hannah	7
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton	2	Holden No. 81, Balfour	7
Dacotah No. 55, Mayville	2	McClusky U.·. D.·.	7
Corinthian No. 78, Calvin	3	Mandan No. 8	9
Cando No. 40	4	Wahpeton No. 15	9
Valley City No. 7	5	Anchor No. 25, Milnor	10
Hope No. 29, Oakes	5	Leeds No. 67	10

CLINTON D. LORD,
Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge 1898-1908.

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Mohall No. 73	10	Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	13
Eureka U.·. D.·., Sarles	10	Willow No. 47, Willow City	13
Jamestown No. 6	12	Walhalla No. 50	14
Occidental No. 27, Hope	12	Meadow U.·. D.·., Upham	15
Russell U.·. D.·.	12		

In the following list, we give the names of those lodges which have raised nine or more, and also membership of lodge, so that comparison may be made between the number on the roster and the raisings:

	Raisings.	Membership.
Shiloh No. 1, Fargo	53	538
Acacia No. 4, Grand Forks	22	274
Jamestown No. 6	16	171
Mandan No. 8	10	92
Ellendale No. 13	9	89
Occidental No. 27, Hope	18	144
Dickinson No. 32	16	146
Star in the West No. 33, Minot	11	120
Lebanon No. 34, Langdon	11	190
Crystal No. 38	9	37
Cando No. 40	9	89
Tuscan No. 44, Bottineau	9	117
Northern Light No. 45, Cooperstown	10	96
Liberty No. 49, Enderlin	16	92
Aurora No. 56, Carrington	9	90
Century No. 60, New Rockford	9	85
Rugby No. 65	12	79
Rolla No. 66	21	121
Leeds No. 67	9	47
Kenmare No. 70	11	62
Wimbledon No. 71	9	51
Mohall No. 73	10	47
Westhope No. 74	9	55
Corinthian No. 78, Calvin	20	77
Glenburn No. 79	12	38
Holden No. 81	16	36
Lansford No. 82	14	33
Edmore U.·. D.·.	17	38
Portal U.·. D.·.	10	35
Meadow U.·. D.·., Upham	10	31
McClusky U.·. D.·.	11	31

The following are lodges whose membership is less than last year:

Minto No. 17.
Hiram No. 20, Page.
Bathgate No. 23.
Hope No. 29, Oakes.
Temple No. 30, St. Thomas.
Reynolds No. 42.
Fidelity No. 52, Drayton.
Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood.
Welcome No. 54, Churchs Ferry.
Khurum No. 58, Gilby.

The following lodges show no increase in membership, it being the same as last year:

Forest River No. 28, Enkster.
Hamilton No. 35.
Fairmount No. 37.
Berthold No. 72.
Milton No. 48.
Walhalla No. 50.
Devotion No. 61, Harvey.

The foregoing statistics indicate that ten lodges have less membership than the preceding year, and seven lodges have made no net gains. Three of the former lodges had no raisings during the year. It would seem strange that a lodge, even though located in a decreasing community, should not find one worthy person during the year to make a Master Mason. Is it because there is no one worthy, with a desire to become a Master Mason, who can be found in the community, or is it because the black ball has not been properly used. Surely a community ought not to decrease so rapidly, or become so stricken with ill-fortune, that if the lodge were in a normal condition it should not find one who sought the light of Freemasonry.

The number of deaths during the past year was 60 as against 43 the year prior, an increase of 17.

No expulsions have been made, but 40 have been suspended for various reasons.

The present membership of the Grand Lodge is 6,577 as against 5,945 last year, a net gain of 632 as against 378 the year previous. Last year the increase over the year prior was less. This year it is almost double what it was last year.

The number raised is 690 as against 522 last year, an increase of 168. The number admitted by affiliation, 162 as against 128 the year prior, a gain of 34.

The amount received for dues and fees for the year ending April 30, 1908, was $7,167.25 as against $6,165.75, an increase of $1,001.25. The net increase of last year over the previous year was only $191.25. In that year prosperity was at its height, yet with depression of financial matters comes a fine increase in numbers and in finances this year to the Grand Lodge, which would indicate that Masonry is not a thermometer by which good or bad times can be gauged. The severe winter of 1905-06 may have had something to do with the decrease of work, while the winter of 1907-08 was mild and afforded no deterrent to travel

SYSTEM OF BOOKS FOR LODGES.

Although directed by the Grand Lodge to establish a uniform system of books and records for lodges, we have done no more than to make a sketch of a ledger, which we believe will simplify and clarify the financial work of the several lodges. We did not complete these records for the reason that it was assuming more responsibility than we cared to undertake. Although we are Secretary of our local lodge, our membership is so much larger than the other lodges in the state, and our general transactions so much greater, that we were not certain that the method which we had adopted as Secretary of our local lodge would fit small lodges. We know that the best of judgments fail at times, and we did not care to thrust upon the craft something which might stand as a reproach upon our judgment and good sense, or at least be unsatisfactory.

We sincerely wish that it could be arranged in some way that there could be a convention of Secretaries of the different bodies, to be held in Fargo, and the matter of records and details of lodge transactions be thoroughly discussed, and some conclusion, satisfactory at least to the majority, be arrived at. It is not always the Secretary of the large lodge who has the best ideas; and it may happen that the Secretary of some very small lodge has the very biggest and best ideas; and it is these brethern, with ideas, that the Grand Secretary should meet, and discuss and conclude with them the problem.

The partial work of the Grand Lecturer as Grand Auditor has already shown its good effect, but without a uniform system it was futile for a Grand Auditor to create expenses in traveling from one lodge to another. We believe that one of the best acts of the Grand Lodge was in the creation of the office of Grand Auditor; and we sincerely hope the time is not far distant when a uniform and satisfactory system of lodge transactions can be established, and a Grand Auditor particularly to instruct, correct and modify, as the case may be, the records of the several lodges in our grand jurisdiction. There is a demand for a uniform system, and in inaugurating one it would not be a thing thrust upon the lodges against their will, but rather a creation to satisfy a want.

BY-LAWS.

Each year come inquiries for lodge by-laws. This is particularly true of new lodges. Your Grand Secretary has never been able to furnish any authorized form, and, therefore, lodges have evolved such as they deemed sufficient. Though earnestness has characterized their endeavors, redundancy and surplusage have marked their efforts, to say nothing of the abundant new legislation, evolved largely out of predilection, and often in conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge. Last year we drew a set of by-laws, and have recommended that they be basis of those adopted. In these by-laws, those things prescribed by the code of laws of the Grand Lodge, the monitor and the ritual, are omitted, believing a re-iteration of them thoroughly unnecessary.

This matter should, perhaps, be referred to a special committee on "Lodge By-Laws."

NEW GRAND LODGES.

The Grand Lodge of the Province of Saskatchewan, Dominion of Canada, has made formal application for official recognition by this Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, being the second daughter of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and receiving from the latter Grand Lodge full sanction for its formation, our Grand Master, anticipating favorable action, has appointed a Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge, and upon the recommendation of our Grand Master a Grand Representative of that Grand Lodge has been appointed near the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Yet, to complete technicalities, it is recommended that the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan be officially recognized among the Grand Lodges of the world by this Grand Lodge.

FINANCES.

The report of the Committee on Finance, who have checked up our books and vouchers, being prepared, makes it unnecessary for us to present a detailed statement of our financial transactions.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEAL.

During the year, an appeal in the case of Devotion Lodge No. 61, of Harvey, vs. S. McIlwain, a member of Minnehaha Lodge No. 165, of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, was filed with us. We had considerable correspondence with Devotion Lodge, and also some correspondence with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota relative to the matter, and he subsequently returned to us the appeal. We have correspondence in the matter filed, and the case, perhaps, may go to the proper committee for investigation.

LIST OF REGULAR LODGES.

Agreeably to recommendation of committee, we purchased a sufficient number of the books entitled "List of Regular Lodges A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., 1908," to supply each lodge in our grand jurisdiction. This tableau contains a list of all the regular masonic lodges in the world, and which is made necessary on account of the many clandestine lodges which have, within the last few years, been springing up throughout the country. The tableau which was sent out was the latest edition, being printed January, 1908. A new edition will be printed in January, 1909. The question is, should we furnish our lodges with the next edition or wait another year? There is no question but the books are invaluable in ascertaining whether the visitor applying for admission is a member of a regular lodge or not.

ORATIONS.

Agreeably to the understanding, and in anticipation of the publication of the meritorious orations delivered by our Past Grand Master W. L. Stockwell, your Grand Secretary had the type for the oration delivered in

1907 stereotyped in order to save expense of resetting the same. Upon order of the Grand Master, six thousand copies were printed and distributed to the various lodges, with a circular of instructions, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary, requesting that each lodge should send the same out to its membership, and notify the Grand Secretary when the same was done. Thirty-two lodges acknowledged receipt of the orations, stating that the same had been distributed as directed, leaving more than one-half of the lodges which have failed to acknowledge receipt of the orations.

Your Grand Secretary has had calls from a number of lodges for extra copies, but was unable to furnish them on account of the edition being exhausted. Many complimentary remarks have been received concerning distributed to the craft of Brother Stockwell's orations. Yet, we believe that, in some way, it should be impressed on lodges that the request of the Grand Master is not a thing to be received in silence and inaction, not as applying particularly to the orations; but there seems to be a proneness among many lodges to pay no more attention to what the Grand Master directs than if he had not directed.

MASONIC HOMES.

After two years of grind, we have succeeded in finishing our report on Masonic Homes, which we were directed to make in 1906. The report being so extensive, and of so much importance to this Grand Lodge, it was deemed expedient to have a sufficient number of copies printed for distribution to the delegates. The copies will be distributed in due time; and we hope that every delegate will carefully read the report, so that, if the proposition of establishing a Masonic Home comes before the Grand Lodge, each one may vote intelligently upon the same.

The report, while contained in comparatively few pages, is the essence of a vast amount of correspondence and labor dug out from a mountain of literature and letters on this subject. We feel free to say that it is the most complete and most accurate report upon masonic charity that we have been able to find; and the data contained therein are too valuable to be lost in the report of the proceedings of our Grand Lodge. We sincerely believe that it should be given not only to the masonic fraternity, but, in a way, to the world through some of the more prominent public libraries of the country. To this end, we trust that the Grand Lodge will extend its good work, and authorize a reasonable edition of the report, some to be bound with paper covers, and others in a more substantial form. It should be of interest to all Masons particularly, and to all persons who are interested in the general charities of the world. If distributed to public libraries, it would give opportunity to thousands to know what our order is doing along these lines, while if distributed to only a comparatively few Masons the world at large will not be apt to know the extent of masonic relief, and the interest our institution shows in the education of its minor dependents.

MASONIC ORATORICAL MEDAL.

Standing as an exponent of the liberal arts and sciences, Masonry has seen the public schools and the universities gradually reach up and take from her hands the necessity of activity in the field of education; but this taking-away has never robbed Masonry of its interest in and its duty toward the educational adornment of the mind.

If we, as a fraternity, ignore this necessary phase of human development, we would not only violate the teachings of our order, but would vitiate the traditions of our institution. It is impracticable and unnecessary for this Grand Lodge to maintain a Masonic School, or more than incidentally to provide for the education of our minor, dependent wards; but we can demonstrate our interest in education, and, at the same time, stimulate, may be, hundreds by providing an object to be attained by the students of our state university or our colleges. To provide for a scholarship, would constrain the Grand Lodge to make a selection of some one of our educational institutions, and, perhaps, thereby create more or less dissatisfaction in the minds of the partizans of others, or make it necessary to favor so many colleges that the expense would be a burden.

The plan we have in mind is to provide annually a fine medal or prize to be known as the "Masonic Grand Lodge Metal," to be given to the winner of the state intercollegiate oratorical contest. This contest is had only between those colleges, or the State university, whose students have been successful, after a series of elimination, through previous contests. No reward is now connected with the winning of the contest, except the bare fact of being successful. With a beautiful metal or prize, bearing appropriate inscriptions as evidence of the victory, to be the property of the student winning, would, without doubt, stimulate more to enter the state annual intercollegiate oratorical contests, and would also serve to demonstrate our own interest in educational matters.

The details of awarding the metal or prize could easily be worked out, and, perhaps, one of the details would include some Mason to represent the Grand Lodge, yet this is not material.

We have laid the proposition before some of the presidents of our colleges, and it has received their hearty approval.

LIBRARY.

As a parent's heart swells with pride when he sees the child of his blood growing in promise toward the hope the parent has set, so we feel when our Masonic Library is the theme. You are here and will see what we have. In the use of the pronoun "we," it is not meant the editorial "we," but you all, for each member of a lodge in this grand jurisdiction is, as it were, a partner and owner in our library, none more, none less, and all share and share alike.

It is not in the number of volumes that we take so much pride as it is in the kind and quality of the books we possess. We have striven not for the general library, such as is found in the public libraries, but for the

specialized library along the lines, so far as it is possible, of those things which are masonic. Masonry is a broad institution. It stands not upon one foundation stone, nor rests with one nation, nor with one age, nor with one religion. It is as broad as the earth, as deep as the sea of time, and as high as the crest of civilization. It has gathered into its bosom the thoughts of nations which colored the civilizations of the past; and it reaches into the corners of human thought that the superficial may not know. Seeing the depth, and breadth, and height of our institution, we appreciate the literature that covers its history, and the written thoughts that have moulded mankind. Masonry is more diverse than one ordinarily thinks, and therefore, masonic literature in its broadest term covers many fields of human thought and human acts.

During the past year 206 volumes upon miscellaneous subjects have been purchased, and are classified under our extension of the Dewey Decimal system. In addition to these 138 volumes of bound proceedings of Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, Grand Commanderies and Grand Councils have been added. Proceedings of these grand bodies are not classified, but are arranged on the shelves according to grand body and year.

We trust that the members of the Grand Lodge will take advantage of the opportunity to visit the library, and that each brother, when there, will feel that it belongs to him as much as to any one else.

Our curio department is entirely the result of persistent solicitation, or begging if we may call it, on the part of your Librarian. Seeing what we have, may stimulate some of the brothers, who have an old curio tucked away in some obscure corner of his house, to bring it forth and place it where it may be seen. One curio is not always interesting, but a collection of curios is always interesting. Bear this in mind, and maybe the collection can be increased. This you see, brothers, is begging, and you may expect the same thing so long as we are Librarian. So dont try to hide any curio you may have under a bushel, but bring it out into the light, so that all may see and enjoy it among its fellows.

GRAND SECRETARIES.

Again the unseen hand has reached from the nuseen world and taken from us three Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges, men in whom was reposed the confidence of the craft of their grand jurisdictions, and who served until their hands fell dead on the page of life. We note that in the change of Grand Secretaries it is the White Reaper that stays the hand that would cast a friendly ballot, and not the insiduous thought that at length sweeps away familiar things and faces. Thus their going-out is like the fall of petals from over-ripe flowers, and not the harsh blast that breaks the branches.

Brother Joseph H. C. Dill, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, after thirteen years of service as Grand Secretary, died August 5, 1907.

Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada, died November 28, 1907, after serving that Grand Lodge as Grand Secretary for five years.

Brother Benjamin Franklin Bartram, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, passed out October 2, 1907, after a service of fifteen years.

While touching upon these thoughts, we cannot refrain from mentioning the death of brother Frederic Webber, who passed away November 8, 1907, at Washington, D. C., after a service of twenty-one years as Secretary General of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States. Brother Webber was well known to all of the craft, and especially to those of the Scottish Rite, and he having visited this state on two occasions, thus giving opportunity to meet him personally, we feel that, in a way, he was a part of us. As the notice of his death reads: "He fell like an ancient oak, teeming with ripe foliage. * * * His endeavor was to ever strew flowers, not thorns, along the pathway of life. * * * He lived his long life without harming any one and died * * * without an enemy in the wide, wide world."

BROTHERS SELBY AND CAROTHERS.

And still the thought comes that since we last met two of our most prominent and active members have passed to their last reward, Brothers Selby and Carothers, dying within a short time of each other. These two, who have presided as Grand Masters, and whose records as members of our Jurisprudence Committee in shaping the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge, have given us a broad and substantial foundation in which no quicksands are hidden to entrap the unwary traveler, or to disintegrate the foundation stones of our Grand Lodge. We do not know of two who have done more to shape our legislation than these two brothers. Their faces had become almost landmarks at our Grand Lodge sessions; but they are gone, and we never more shall feel their warm hand-clasps or hear their voices ringing out in the assemblages, bearing in the echoes their best thoughts, ripened by the experience of life and the legal profession in which they were so eminent.

The death of those we love makes softer shadows to life, bringing out the picture in clearer vision. We are a band, small in unmber compared with the whole, in whose hearts the same great song of fraternity sings, and the loss of our members brings that sorrow which clasps around us like a mother's arms, pressing us closer together that we may the better lay our heads down upon the bosom of our grief, and shed our tears while memory sings its sweet lullaby.

CONCLUSION.

All things must end. In the bigger sense, this is not true. It is more accurate to say all things must change. In the universe of things, there is no "was," for all things "are," the same as, though paradoxical, it may seem.

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there is no present. There is only the past and the future. Time will not stop long enough to give us a present. To console our minds and to satisfy our hearts we artificially create a present, and cling to it as we cling to some fond hope which we know can never be realized. Thus, and a conclusion is really not logical, the Grand Secretary's report must end; but ere the last echoes of what we have said die away, permit us to express appreciation of the many courtesies received in the past, and the hearty greetings which we have received in what we call the present; and may this meeting be one which will bear its full measure of pleasure and profit to you.

We are assembled here not so much for rounding up the things which the Grand Master has done, or to check up to see whether the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary have accounted for all the moneys they have received, as it is to forge another link in the chain of fraternity, to learn to know each other better, to feel the flow of common interest, to hear the words of good cheer, and to forget the burdens we carry along the highway of life. That the human heart may satisfy its longings, it reaches out to pluck the rose of higher and better things, and it feels the scent of friendship and good-fellowship as the hunted deer sniffs the waters, which means safety; and in it all we get better courage to battle with the dust that rises as our footsteps fall.

Yours fraternally,

FRANK J. THOMPSON,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which, on motion of W.'. Brother Alexander B. Taylor (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.'. F.'. & A.'. M.'. of North Dakota:

Agreeably to the regulation of this Grand Lodge, your Finance Committee met prior to the annual communication, and audited the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Librarian. All expenditures of these grand offices are duly itemized, accompanied by signed vouchers, and the money properly distributed according to our law. Your committee appends a detailed statement of all receipts and disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Balance last report, general fund	$11,651.56
Balance last report, Masonic Home fund	895.60
Donation to Masonic Home fund, North Star Lodge No. 16	8.75
Charter fees, Glenburn Lodge No. 79	30.00
Charter fees, Antler Lodge No. 80	30.00
Charter fees, Holden Lodge No. 81	30.00

Charter fees, Lansford Lodge No. 82	30.00
Dispensation fees, Portal Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Meadow Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, McClusky Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Eureka Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Sunset Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Dispensation fees, Russell Lodge U.·. D.·.	23.00
Membership cards, Liberty Lodge No. 49	1.80
Card tray, Welcome Lodge No. 54	4.60
Codes, sale of	5.00
Fines, Hunter Lodge No. 62, delayed 1907 returns	5.00
Grand Lodge dues and fees, 1907	7,169.00
Interest	280.00
Cash advanced by Grand Secretary, registry	96.94
	$20,376.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mileage and per diem, 1907	$1,153.30
Premium on bonds, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	26.25
Printing Proceedings, 1907	400.00
Membership register	200.00
Typewriter for registry	60.00
Aprons, grand officers	21.95
Badges for Grand Lodge delegates	33.50
Grand Lodge Librarian's salary	200.00
Radiators, new	36.70
List of regular lodges	51.45
Masonic Home, compiling data	46.00
Miscellaneous appropriations	2,233.00
Miscellaneous printing	111.80
Express, freight and postage	78.34
Engrossing charters	8.00
Furniture and fixtures	12.45
Miscellaneous contingent	608.22
Amount transferred to library fund	100.00
Cash advanced by Grand Secretary, registry	96.94
Balance cash on hand, general fund	13,709.00
Balance cash on hand, Masonic Home fund	1,189.35
	$20,376.25

LIBRARY FUND.

Balance last report	$385.08
Library tax, 1908	636.50
Transferred from general funds	100.00
	$1,121.58

CONTRA.

Library books and binding	$597.74
Library miscellaneous, furniture, etc.	81.65
Balance	460.19
	$1,121.58

MASONIC HOME FUND.

Balance from last report	$895.60
Donation from North Star Lodge No. 16, Larimore	8.75
Fine from Hunter Lodge No. 62, 1907	5.00
Interest 1907-08	280.00
	$1,189.35
Balance on hand	$1,189.35
	$1,189.35

APPROPRIATIONS.

Your committee recommends that the following sums be appropriated for the ensuing year:

Grand Master	$100.00
Grand Librarian	200.00
Printing Proceedings	400.00
Membership Registry	300.00
Contingent Fund	850.00
Fraternal Correspondence	100.00
Binding Proceedings, etc.	50.00
Reimburse Grand Secretary, account Registry 1907-08	96.94
Return Blanks	40.00
Card Trays	125.00

That your committee also recommend that the further sum of $200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to be used by the Grand Master in defraying expenses incident to his office.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1),
FRANK H. SPRAGUE (11),
WILLIAM A. DILLON (5),
HARRY LORD (40),
E. GEORGE GUTHRIE (3),
Committee.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Frank J. Thompson (1), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Division and Reference of reports of grand officers submits the following:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

1. That so much of the Address of the Grand Master as relates to Fraternal Dead be referred to a Committee on Fraternal Dead.

2. That so much thereof as refers to the granting of dispensations for the formation of new lodges be referred to a Committee on Lodge U.·. D.·..

3. That so much thereof as refers to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much of the address as has not been herein specifically referred, the same coming so clearly within the prerogatives of the Grand Master, does not need reference.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

5. That the report of the Grand Treasurer, having already been audited by the Finance Committee, does not need any further reference.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

6. That so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as refers to annual returns be referred to a Committee on Returns of Chartered Lodges.

7. That so much thereof as refers to system of books for lodges and by-laws for the same be referred to a Special Committee on Books of Record and By-Laws of Lodges.

8. That so much thereof as refers to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan be referred to a Committee on Fraternal Relations.

9. That so much thereof as refers to Finance, the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary having been already audited by the Finance Committee, does not need reference.

10. That so much thereof as refers to Grievances and Appeals be referred to the Committee on Grievances and Appeals.

11. That so much thereof as refers to List of Regular Lodges be referred to a Special Committee on List of Regular Lodges.

12. That so much thereof as refers to Masonic Homes be referred to a Committee on Masonic Home.

13. That so much thereof as refers to providing a Masonic Grand Lodge Medal or Prize for the State Oratorical Contest be referred to a Special Committee on Oratorical Contest.

14. That the other matters contained in the report of the Grand Secretary do not need reference.

Fraternaly submitted,
FRANK SIMS (47),
MILO J. PITKIN (76),
CHARLES E. BOYDEN (12),
Committee.

The hour being 12:30 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock p. m.

COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master then announced the following committees:

Credentials—James McCormick (54), Gustav A. Huss (82), William W. Erb (58).

Division and Reference—Frank Sims (47), Milo J. Pitkin (76), Charles E. Boyden (12).

Mileage and Per Diem—Frank Lord (26), Evarts C. Stevens (43), William J. Sansburn (9), William J. Bennett (23), Thomas Jacobson (37).

Fraternal Dead—Joseph M. Stewart (55), John Taylor (49), Jerry Kelland (34), Thomas R. McLaughlin (50), Olin W. Rowe (43).

Lodges U.·. D.·.—Robert S. Campbell (12), George W. Fraine (65), Theodore S. Henry (7), John E. Brown (66), Amos C. Crowl (10).

Chartered Lodges—Ralph E. Knowlton (75), Edward T. Thompson (30), Olof Ribb (70), S. Laurence Kleye (81), Frank Goldammer (24),

Books of Record and By-Laws, Lodges—Walter L. Williamson (12), Evarts C. Stevens (43), Robert H. Woods (38), John B. Kessler (41), Charles E. Tillson (56).

Fraternal Relations—Henry G. Vick (2), Oliver F. Pierson (53), Paul J. Brahman (60), William A. Meddaugh (74).

List of Regular Lodges—Hans R. Berndt (5), John H. McLain (64), Clayton A. Stubbins (69), Charles C. Crawford (78), Milo J. Pitkin (76).

Masonic Home—George E. Duis (4), James Johnson (33), Robert B. Cox (71), Clarence V. Ferguson (79), Frank W. Cathro (44).

Oratorical Contest—Walter L. Stockwell (11), William E. Hoover (26), Laurence G. Moultrie (7), Clarence A. Hale (4), Elmer T. Judd (40).

TIME SET FOR ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

W.·. Brother John McDonald (28), moved:

That the election of grand officers for the ensuing year be made a special order of business at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Carried.

At 4 o'clock the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

July 1, 1908.

At 9:30 a. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT COMMITTEE LODGES U.·. D.·.

The Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Robert S. Campbell (12), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Lodges U.·. D.·. beg to report that they have examined the returns of the seven lodges organized under dispensation of the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, and find that

Edmore Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Edmore,
Eureka Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Sarles,
Sunset Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Beach,
Russell Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Russell,
Portal Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Portal,
Meadow Lodge U.·. D.·., located at Upham,
McClusky Lodge U.·. D.·., located at McClusky,

have held regular communication since the granting of their dispensations; that each lodge has received a large number of petitions, and conferred the three degrees, the Master Mason degree having been conferred upon at least two candidates. All returns of the foregoing lodges are correct, and we respectfully recommend that charters be granted to all of the above-named lodges.

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT S. CAMPBELL (12),
GEORGE W. FRAINE (65),
THEODORE S. HENRY (7),
JOHN E. BROWN (66),
AMOS C. CROWL (10),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Joseph M. Stewart (55), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

The dead can no longer speak, but their kindly acts may live forever. In behalf of the dead, your committee speaks to the living, by recounting, in a few expressions, its thoughts of their self-denial and their efforts for a better humanity. They gave the best of their lives to make a better world. They have not lived in vain. In this, and many other jurisdictions, there are vacant seats in the annual communications. This fact calls to memory the past, recalls the happy greetings and fraternal hand-clasps of the by-gone annual assemblages of the craft. Their masonic labors are remembered, and are an inspiration to us all. We shall live the better because of that remembrance, and because of that better living a lasting impression for good will be made on the future generations. These remembrances present to our minds the fact that sooner or later we, also, one by one, must face the inevitable messenger: that sooner or later we, also, one by one, will "come to the end of our toilsome journey, and from our nerveless grasps will drop forever, the working tools of life. And these thoughts, as an appeal, should remind us that our lives should be lived agreeably to the teachings drawn for us upon the trestle-board, so that, when the summons of the Grand Master of the Universe comes, we may honestly look forward with faith and confidence for greater light.

During the past year, thirty-three eminent brethren of other grand jurisdictions have answered the final call and have found rest. In this list of departed illustrious brethren, we desire to mention Bro. Frederick Webber 33°, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, who died November 4, 1907, aged 80 years. He was born June 1, 1827, and on the 21st anniversary of his birthday he was made an Entered Apprentice Mason and faithfully served as an ideal Mason for fifty-nine and one-half years. He was known to many of the North Dakota Masons, who remember him, and revere him for his kindness of heart and lovely disposition.

In our own jurisdiction we have suffered the loss of two Past Grand Masters, Brother John F. Selby and Brother Robert M. Carothers.

Brother Selby was born in Millbrook, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1849. Raised in Edinburg Lodge No. 550, Edinburg, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1879. Charter member of Hillsboro Logde No. 10, and its first Master, first Senior Grand Warden of the North Dakota jurisdiction, was elected Grand Master in June, 1891. Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence of this Grand Lodge from 1892 to the time of his death. Was a member of Hillsboro Lodge of Perfection A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·., and served as Venerable Master for the period ending June, 1907, was a 32° Mason, and a member of Dakota Consistory A.·. A.·. S.·. R.·., Fargo; became a member of El Zagal Temple A.·. A.·. O.·. N.·. M.·. S.·., of Fargo, April 27, 1899; was Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter O.·. E.·. S.·. of the State of North Dakota, 1904. Died Junauary 8, 1908, aged 59 years.

Brother Carothers was born at Swissdale, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1859. Raised in Acacia Lodge No. 4, Grand Forks, November 27, 1891; a Royal Arch Mason, March 1, 1892, in Corinthian Chapter No. 3; Knighted June 1, 1892, in St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, all of Grand Forks; served as Worshipful Master in 1895, High Priest in 1895, and Emminent Commander 1899 to 1901 of the bodies named; was elected Grand Master in 1897, and in 1903, R.·. E.·. Grand Commander; was a member of Carmel Lodge of Perfection, and a member of El Zagal Temple A.·. A.·. O.·. N.·. M.·. S.·.; served as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee since he was Grand Master; served as member of Templar Jurisprudence Committee after he was Grand Commander; for a number of years wrote reports on Foreign Correspondence for this Grand Lodge, and was so engaged at the time of his death, February 4, 1908, aged nearly 49 years.

These brethren were honored by the craft, they climbed the heights of Masonry and were found to be good men and true. They gave of their time and talent unsparingly for the benefit of Masonry, and many of the problems that have been worked out, which make the distinctive features of this jurisdiction rank high in the masonic world, is traceable to the work of our departed brethren on the Jurisprudence Committee. We honor them.

For these, and all our fraternal dead, this grand jurisdiction records its love and affection.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH M. STEWART (55),
JOHN TAYLOR (49),
JERRY KELLAND (34),
THOMAS R. McLAUGHLIN (50),
OLIN W. ROWE (43).

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON BOOKS OF RECORD AND BY-LAWS OF LODGES.

The Committee on Record Books for Lodges and By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Walter L. Williamson (12), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Books for Lodges and By-Laws respectfully report that they have carefully considered that part of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the above matter and referred to them. We also have carefully considered the Report of the Committee on Grand Lecturer and Auditor, presented and adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, as printed in the proceedings of 1907, in which the Grand Secretary was given full and complete power to devise and prepare a system of account and record books for particular lodges.

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In view of the known fact that the records and accounts of particular lodges are as varied as the name and number of said lodges, we recognize the almost seeming necessity of some system whereby the fundamental and necessary items may be concisely and accurately displayed, and the several items of receipts and disbursements be correctly gathered, not only for the better knowledge of the particular lodges, but also for the greater ease and careful accounting of the financial reports, as well as the reports to the Grand Lodge; yet, with the Grand Secretary, your committee does not feel like assuming the responsibility of this subject for the eighty odd lodges of our grand jurisdiction.

We, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to call a convention of the secretaries of the particular lodges at as early a date as practicable, and, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, lay this matter before the convention for full consideration; that the opinions and the ideas of those present, who will be the workers upon said books and accounts, be obtained; that the conclusions of said convention be, and are hereby made, the mandates of this Grand Lodge; that the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Secretary shall immediately thereafter have such books and forms printed as shall be adopted by the convention for the use of particular lodges within this grand jurisdiction.

Your committee further reporting upon the adoption of a form of by-laws for the use and guidance of particular lodges within this grand jurisdiction, that they have carefully read the outline or form of by-laws prepared by your Grand Secretary, and finds the same concise and sufficiently full for the guidance of particular lodges, and such by-laws, in conjunction with the By-Laws, Resolutions, and Decisions of this Grand Lodge, will enable particular lodges to properly conduct their affairs and business.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. WILLIAMSON (12),
ROBERT H. WOODS (38),
CHARLES E. TILLSON (56),
EVARTS C. STEVENS (43),
JOHN B. KESSLER (41),
Committee.

REPORT—JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Brother James McDonald (11), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several decisions of the Grand Master, beg leave to subdivide them by numbers, and to report as follows:

DECISION NO. 1.

"*First Question.*—Is the fact that a brother is under indictment for conducting a "Blind Pig" and "selling intoxicating liquors at retail" sufficient grounds for preferring charges in lodge to suspend him? Does it become the duty of the Master to see that charges are preferred in such a case? If, on the case coming to trial, the brother is guilty of the charges under which he is indicted, would this be sufficient grounds for expulsion?

"*Answer.*—An indictment against a brother for conducting a blind pig or selling liquor contrary to the law, is not sufficient in itself for preferring charges against him. The crime of which he is accused must first be proven. However, some of the brethren may have sufficient knowledge of unmasonic conduct of such brother to warrant such action and to make it necessary for the good of the craft that charges should be preferred against him. The charges should be in writing and can be preferred by any one. But to further the administration of justice, it is made the special duty of the Junior Warden, in the absence of other accusers, to prefer such charges. For forms and methods of procedure, see Grand Lodge Code."

The effect of this decision is approved by your committee, but, for the sake of clearness, and to define the attitude of the Jurisprudence Committee upon this question, the language of the decision is modified to read as follows:

The indictment of a brother Mason does not of itself impose upon a lodge the obligation to direct that charges be preferred, nor does it carry with it any assumption of guilt; but it is notice to the lodge that one of its members is charged by lawful authority with a crime, and the action of the lodge must be governed by its sense of duty toward itself and of justice toward the accused brother.

DECISION NO. 1.

"*Second Question.*—Where an application for degrees has been received and referred to a committee and one of the committee recommends that, on account of the applicant having shown outbursts of an ungovernable temper on one or two occasions during the summer of 1907, but has shown exemplary conduct during the past six months, action be suspended for six months to allow of further time for examination. Would it be proper for the lodge to take action deferring the ballot on the petition six months?

"*Answer.*—An application for degrees becomes the property of the lodge when it is referred to the Investigating Committee. Action cannot be postponed or suspended. It must be acted upon as soon as said committee reports."

This decision is approved.

DECISION NO. 2.

"*Question.*—A. B. was suspended for non-payment of dues. A request for reinstatement, accompanied with payment of amount of dues at time of suspension, was received by the lodge. When time came to vote on the

question of re-instatement, apparent reason existed to reject the request, and it was rejected. Since that time, the brother suspended has fixed up the cause of complaint, and we believe the brethren of the lodge are willing to re-instate the brother. Can the lodge consider a renewal of his request for re-instatement at any subsequent meeting of the lodge?

"*Answer.*—Not being able to find anything in the statute covering that part of the question, I would hold that the brother has the right to petition the lodge at any time after he has been rejected, provided, that the requirements of Chapter VI, on page 127, Procedure, are complied with by him, and the lodge has full authority to receive said petition and to act upon it at any subsequent stated meeting."

The effect of this decision is approved, with the statement that the Jurisprudence Committee believes that the requirement for a majority vote upon a petition for restoration from suspension for non-payment of dues, when all dues and charges have been paid, is purely a formal requirement, and that no lodge should reject such petition unless other charges are preferred.

DECISION NO. 3.

"*Question.*—Can a petition for degrees, containing the information that the applicant is not engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors 'Except as agent for a wholesale liquor house,' be properly received?

"*Answer. No.* In the Appendix of Forms is shown the form adopted for a Petition of Initiation, and one of the statements the applicant makes is: 'He does not sell intoxicating liquors.' No exceptions are made, nor do I believe that a petition can be properly accepted by a lodge if any *are* made. I am unable to see any difference in the moral aspect of the question as to whether a person sells liquor at retail, or solicits orders in large quantities as agent for wholesale liquor houses.

This decision is approved.

DECISION NO. 4.

"*Question.*—At a regular meeting there were charges filed with our Secretary against one of our brethren. The night for trial was set for the 18th of October. When the time arrived, the prosecutor did not put in an appearance and the case was dismissed for want of prosecution. Some of the brethren wanted to vote on the guilt or innocence of the person accused. I informed them of the law in regard to the matter and then there was a motion to expunge the charges from the record. My decision was that it was beyond the powers of a lodge congregated for the purpose of a trial to take any actions in regard to expunging the records of a previous regular meeting. They wanted to recommend such action by the lodge at the next regular meeting, but I decided that such action would not be good form. There seems to be strong prejudice existing against the complainant, and there will probably be an effort made at our next meeting to expunge the records of the September meeting. Would such action be permissible? Would such action be masonic?

"*Answer.*—Your action in not allowing the brethern to vote on the guilt or innocence of a brother was entirely correct; no evidence having developed on which to base such a vote. You were also right in not allowing the record of the charges to be expunged from the minutes at that time, as minutes can only be corrected at a regular meeting. You say an effort may be made at the next regular meeting to expunge from the records all reference to the matter of the charges and of the special meeting held for the purpose of trial, and you ask whether such action would be permissible or masonic. My answer is that I do not consider the expunging of any record of proceedings that were entirely regular as far as they went, to be masonic, nor is it good business. I would therefore recommend that nothing be expunged and the records stand."

This decision is approved.

DECISION NO. 5.

"*Question.*—Can a masonic lodge buy and hold stock in a co-operative institution?

"*Answer.*—Yes, a lodge has the right to invest its surplus funds in any legitimate enterprise."

This decision is approved.

DECISION NO. 6.

"*Statement of Facts.*—Regular meeting January 28, 1908. Petition of Mr. A. was received and referred. Regular meeting February 25, 1908, committee reported favorably, ballot was spread and, upon examination, the Wardens and Master found the ballot to be clear and Mr. A. was declared elected. At the regular meeting, March 10, 1908, it was understood that Mr. A. would present himself for initiation. Lodge was opened and the order of business proceeded with. When the order of business, 'Work Conferring Degrees,' was announced by the Master, Brother F. moved as follows:

"Worshipful Master, I have been informed that at our last regular meeting an illegal ballot was taken. I now move that the Master appoint a committee of three (Past Masters, if possible), to whom I may report in private what has been told to me, the committee to report to the lodge. The motion was seconded by Brother G. and was carried by the lodge. The Master appointed as such committee Brothers B., C. and D., to whom Brother F. reported as follows: 'I have been told by Brother B., who acted Senior Deacon at our meeting of February 25th, that he saw, when removing the balls from the box, that an unfavorable ballot had been cast. Upon consulting the code, the committee ruled that the candidate stood elected. Brother B. then stated to the committee that he had himself cast a black ball, was sure that he had done so, and sure that he had seen it in the box when removing the evidence of the ballot. The Master and Wardens were then called, who stated that they are well satisfied that the ballot was clear. The Master then postponed the conferring of the degre until the ruling of the Grand Master should be obtained.

"*Question.*—Is the candidate elected and entitled to the degrees; if not, how shall we proceed?

"*Answer.*—No. We must take into consideration the intent of the brother who stated that he cast the black ball. The very fact that he stated he did so showed his intention even if he might have made the mistake and picked up a white ballot when he intended to use a black one, which, no doubt was the case, else the officers, who examined the ballot, could not have found it clear. The brother, however, having declared that he cast a black ball, his intentions must govern my decision, and I must declare the candidate rejected, and he must wait for the expiration of the statutory time before he can renew his application for the degrees."

This decision is disapproved. The ballot once spread, inspected and declared is final. It cannot be attacked at a subsequent meeting by collateral evidence. It is the duty of the Master, upon declaring the ballot, to destroy it; and upon the declaration of the Master, after the inspection of the ballot, the candidate is elected and entitled to the degrees, if the ballot is clear.

DECISION NO. 7.

"*Statement of Facts*—The lodge at W. expelled Brother X. for unmasonic conduct some years ago. X. moved away and has lived in the jurisdiction of another lodge long enough for the lodge to acquire jurisdiction.

"*Question.*—Has the lodge at W. lost jurisdiction over X., and, consequently, has no masonic legal right to receive and act upon his application for restoration?

"*Answer.*—Under a decision of Past Grand Master Blacklock, 1904, as modified by the Committee on Jurisprudence, we find that when an expelled Mason moves beyond the jurisdiction of his lodge, that lodge loses jurisdiction over him. Our Code of Procedure under 'Status of one Expelled—Re-instatement Under Expulsion,' page 128, Code of 1906, provides that an expelled Mason must petition the lodge for restoration from which he was expelled.

"In the conflict between the decision referred to and this provision of our Code of Procedure, I recognize the fact that the decision was made subsequent to the enactment of the Code provision. Yet, subsequent to either is the re-adoption of the present Code. Yet this latter fact, however, weighs but little in my conclusion, for I am forced back to those fundamental laws which first governed and now, in absence of a direct revocation, still govern the craft, and one of these fundamental laws was the right of a lodge to discipline its members and to restore them to good standing when it deemed it advisable. The law as it now stands, does not prohibit the expelling lodge from receiving and acting upon a petition for restoration of one, a member, it has expelled. It only says that it has lost jurisdiction over him, which, I construe, to mean that the expelled Mason may petition the lodge which expelled him for restoration, or may petition a lodge for

the several degrees in Masonry in whose jurisdiction he has gained a masonic residence. In other words, which course he pursues is optional. This construction, I believe, is in accord with the more liberal spirit that has modified the perpetual jurisdiction rule; at the same time, it preserves the right of a lodge to restore that which it took away.

"*Question.*—After an expelled Mason is restored to good standing, can the several obligations be administered on the same night? If the expelled brother resides elsewhere, can the obligations be administered by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or sojourns?

"*Answer.*—To each of the foregoing questions, my answer was, 'Yes'."

This decision is a fair construction of the existing laws and decisions of this Grand Lodge, but the Committee on Jurisprudence lays down the following rule for lodges in this grand jurisdiction: The expelling lodge can alone restore to membership, or receive the petition for degrees, of the expelled person, while he resides in this grand jurisdiction. Upon restoration, the several obligations can be administered to him at the same meeting, or such obligations may be so administered by the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides, if requested so to do by the lodge which expelled, and which subsequently restored him. Fraternally submitted,

JAMES McDONALD (11),
GEORGE L. McGREGOR (6),
GEORGE H. KEYES (13),
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
JAMES T. BLACKLOCK (35),
JAMES W. FOLEY (5),
LOUIS A. JACOBSON (27),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
Committee.

REPORT—LIST OF REGULAR LODGES.

The Committee on List of Regular Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Hans R. Berndt (5), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report for 1908, relating to the list of regular lodges A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., a copy of which, revised to January, 1908, agreeably to committee report and recommendation of the preceding Grand Lodge, has been furnished to each particular lodge within this grand jurisdiction, respectfully beg leave to recommend that the Grand Secretary be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase annually, for distribution among the particular lodges of this grand jurisdiction, a sufficient number of such publications and distribute the same to every lodge within this state, the Grand Lodge to defray the expenses thereof.

In support of their within recommendation your committee desire to state their reason for the action, not only to be the recognition of the necessity confronting the various lodges throughout this jurisdiction to be fully advised of the constantly increasing numbers of new regular lodges, in order to be protected against imposition on the part of clandestine Masons, who may knock at their portals for admission, but also that by reason of insufficient information no worthy brother seeking admission to their circle or to hold communication with his brethren, might be deprived of his masonic privileges, and all because the lists now in the possession of the various lodges should fail to contain the necessary information relative to his affiliated or mother lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

HANS R. BERNDT (5),
JOHN H. McLEAN (64),
CHARLES C. CRAWFORD (78),
MILO J. PITKIN (76),
CLAYTON A. STUBBINS (69).

Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Ralph E. Knowlton (75), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges find the annual returns of the several subordinate lodges within the grand jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota correct as reported by the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge.

Your committee recommend that no petition for membership, or for affiliation, shall be received by any particular lodge, which is not complete as to personal history, and all other information called for by such petitions.

It further recommends that where lodges have erroneously paid on members who are no longer on their rosters of membership that any such over-remittance be forfeited to the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

RALPH E. KNOWLTON (75),
OLOF RIBB (70),
S. LAURENCE KLEVE (81),
FRANK GOLDAMMER (24),
EDWARD T. THOMPSON (30),

Committee.

REPORT—FRATERNAL RELATION.

The Committee on Fraternal Relation made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Henry G. Vick (2), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations beg leave to submit the following report:

We heartily recommend the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., and that fraternal relations be entered into with said Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY G. VICK (2),
JAMES B. COOLIDGE (67),
WILLIAM A. MEDDAUGH (74).
Committee

REPORT—COMMITTEE MASONIC HOME.

The Committee on Masonic Home made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother George E. Duis (4), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Masonic Home would beg leave to report as follows:

First.—That the fund now known as the Masonic Home Fund be hereafter known as the Masonic Relief Fund; and that the raising of said fund be continued as is now done.

Second.—That this Masonic Relief Fund be made immediately available under conditions hereafter prescribed.

Third.—That the Masonic Relief Fund be placed in charge of a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, to be appointed by the Grand Master, and he shall appoint all three at this session of the Grand Lodge, who shall hold office as follows: The first one named to hold office three years; the second, two years; and the third, one year.

Fourth.—The Masonic Relief Fund shall be used for the following purposes, and no others:

To relieve individual cases of want of a brother, or those dependent upon him, after the particular lodge of which he may be a member has exhausted its resources, and is no longer able to extend further aid.

It is the opinion of your committee that the establishment of a Masonic Home, if attempted at all, should only be by Grand Lodges larger than our Grand Lodge will be for many, many years to come; that it is doubt-

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ful if the dispensation of charity through a Masonic Home is practical or even expedient; that under the present system of accumulating funds the founding of a Home for this grand jurisdiction is so far in the future, that the present generation will never see it, and, in the meantime, the money accrued for that purpose would be idle wealth, and from which no one would receive benefits. With the fund available through trustees, relief can at once be extended where it is required, and our charities be now and with us, rather than in the generations to come, and the unfortunates of the present not famish because we desire to relieve some one in the future.

Your committee believe that the thanks of this Grand Lodge is due to M.·. W.·. Bro. Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, for his very complete and exhaustive report on Masonic Homes and Cognate Charities. His report contains such a wealth of facts that it should not be buried in our proceedings, but be printed and placed where it may be accessible, not only to Masons, but to the world at large.

We, therefore, recommend that the sum of $100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated from the general funds of this Grand Lodge to pay for the report as printed and circulated among the delegates present, and to print and bind in suitable form an edition to be distributed under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE E. DUIS (4),
ROBERT B. COX (71),
FRANK W. CATHRO (44),
JAMES JOHNSON (33),
CLARENCE V. FERGUSON (79).
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The Committee on Oratorical Contest made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Oratorical Contest, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report relating to Masonic Grand Lodge Medal, begs leave to report as follows:

We heartily commend as worthy of consideration any practicable and worthy plan, which has for its object the development in youth of powers which make them more useful as citizens of our commonwealth. Especially do we believe such an object is attained through practice in public speaking, and that it is eminently fitting for this Grand Lodge to seek to inspire larger participation in such practice.

We, therefore, recommend that the Grand Master appoint a committee of three to confer with the officers of the existing intercollegiate oratorical association of this state, relating to the awarding of a Masonic Grand Lodge Medal or prize each year to the member of the association winning first place in the annual state contest; and that the committee be authorized, and it shall be its duty to make the award, and to determine the manner of making the award, and to secure annually a medal or prize in appropriate design, at a cost of not more than $75.00, nor less than $50.00, to be the property of the successful student.

That the term of office of said committee be as follows: The first one named for three years; the second one named, for two years; the third one named, for one year.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26),
LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7),
CLARENCE A. HALE (4),
ELMER T. JUDD (40),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother John McDonald (28), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that it has carefully examined the transcript of proceedings and evidence introduced at the trial in the matter of the charges preferred by the Junior Warden of Devotion Lodge No. 61, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Harvey, against I. McIlwain.

Your committee find that the charges preferred, to wit: Assault upon the person of a Brother Master Mason, constituting a masonic offense, were fully sustained, the proceedings regular and we recommend that the decision of the case; namely, indefinite suspension, be sustained.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN McDONALD (28),
HALLEY V. HICKS (29),
AUGUSTUS P. FOLSOM (32),
Committee.

REPAIRS—GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Grand Secretary called attention to some necessary repairs to the Grand Secretary's office, and, on motion, $25.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was appropriated for that purpose.

PROPOSITION TO AMEND BY-LAWS.

The Grand Secretary presented a proposed amendment to Section 22, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. On motion of W.·. Brother Milo J. Pitkin (76) the proposed amendment was referred to a Committee on By-Laws.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on By-Laws: M.·. W.·. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (11), M.·. W.·. Brother Grant S. Hager (30), M.·. W.·. Brother James W. Foley (5).

(The proposed amendment will be found in the report of the Committee on By-Laws.)

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Master appointed W.·. Brother Frank H. Sprague (11) and Brother W.·. Clarence A. Hale (4) as tellers. Election proceeded with the following result:

Sylvester J. Hill (1).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
Robert Morrison (2).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, which, on motion of M.·. W.·. Brother Walter L. Stockwell (11), was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your committee, to whom was referred the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend that the same be adopted:

Amend Section 22 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge by striking out all of that section after "Provided, however" in second paragraph, and substitute the following:

When two towns wherein lodges are located are nine and minor fraction miles apart, such zone shall be one and one-half miles in width; where eight and minor fraction miles apart, such zone shall be one mile in width; but in no case shall such zone be less than one mile in width.

Fraternally submitted,

WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11),
GRANT S. HAGER (30),
JAMES W. FOLEY (5),
Committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following report, which, on motion of W.·. Brother Walter L. Williamson (12), was adopted:

(For report, see Appendix following closing.)

The hour being 12:08 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The hour being 2:00 p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

PRINTING GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS AND GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

W.·. Brother George E. Duis (4), presented the following resolution, and moved its adoption, and it was adopted:

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Resolved, That hereafter the Address of the Grand Master and the Report of the Grand Secretary be printed prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, so that immediately after they are delivered they may be distributed to the members of the Grand Lodge, that they may be better informed as to the matters which should require their attention.

INSTALLATION—APPOINTIVE OFFICERS—STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Master elect announced his appointive officers and standing committees. The M.·. W.·. Grand Master then appointed M.·. W.·. Brother Grant S. Hager (30) as Marshal, and the following officers were installed:

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ELECTED.

Sylvester J. Hill (1).....M .·. W.·. Grand Master, Fargo
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Forks
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden, Wahpeton
Robert Morrison (2).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden, Pembina
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer, Park River
Frank J. Thompson (1).....R.·. W.·. Grand Secretary, Fargo

APPOINTED.

William E. Hoover (26).....W.·. Senior Grand Deacon, address, Fargo
James L. Green (39).....W.·. Junior Grand Deacon, Sheldon
Walter L. Williamson (12).....W.·. Senior Grand Steward, Lisbon
Frank A. Cousins (56).....W.·. Junior Grand Steward, Carrington
Thomas Sims (44).....W.·. Grand Marshal, Bottineau
William Spriggs (4).....W.·. Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Forks
Jorgen Howard (10).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant, Hillsboro
Alexander B. Taylor (1).....W.·. Grand Tyler, Fargo
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain, Valley City
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator, Grafton
George L. McGregor (6)....W.·. G.·. Lecturer and Auditor, address, Fargo
James W. Foley (5).....W.·. Fraternal Correspondent, Bismarck

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Jurisprudence Committee.—George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope; Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas; John Riessbeck (32), Dickinson.

Finance Committee.—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Harry Lord (40), Cando; Clarence A. Hale (4), Grand Forks.

Grievances and Appeals.—John McDonald (28), Inkster; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Augustus P. Folsom (32), Dickinson; William A. Dillon (5), Bismarck; James Johnson (33), Minot.

Oratorical Contest.—Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton, term, three years; William E. Hoover (26), address, Fargo, term, two years; Frank J. Thompson (1), Fargo, term, one year.

Masonic Relief Fund Trustees.—George E. Duis (4), Grand Forks, term three years, President; Laurence G. Moultrie (7), Valley City, term two years; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo, term one year, Secretary.

DONATION—TYLER.

W.·. Brother Walter L. Williamson (12) moved:

That the sum of $10.00 be appropriated to Bro. Gustave E. Elfstrom (1), Tyler of Shiloh Lodge, for services rendered during the Grand Lodge session.

Carried.

THANKS TO SHILOH LODGE.

M.·. W.·. Brother James T. Blacklock (35) moved:

That the courtesies which have been extended by Shiloh Lodge, and its members, during the present communication are fully appreciated, and this Grand Lodge hereby extends its thanks for the fraternal greetings and kindnesses which they have received.

Carried.

THANKS TO RETIRING GRAND MASTER.

R.·. W.·. Brother Robert Morrison (2) moved:

That this Grand Lodge hereby extend its thanks to the retiring Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Bro. John Riessbeck, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and the courtesies which he has extended. Liberal in interpretation, yet conservative in promulgation, he has carried on the work of Masonry with honor to the fraternity and credit to himself.

Carried by rising vote.

THANKS TO RAILROADS.

R.·. W.·. Charles E. Boyden (12) moved:

That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be hereby proffered to the railroads for courtesies received at this meeting.

Carried.

INVITATION—OPEN-AIR MEETING.

W.·. Brother John Henry Gladstone Turner (44), extended a hearty and cordial invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to be present at the open-air annual meeting, July 21st to 24th, of Tuscan Lodge, in Park Island, Lake Metigoshe. Entertainment will be furnished, and the degree of Master Mason will be conferred as our ancient brethren did in the seclusion of nature's temple.

EPISODE.

Tuesday evening, the work of the third degree was exemplified in the auditorium of Masonic Temple, using the stage as accessory to the scenes and incidents of the times in which it was laid. Delegates to the Grand Lodge were in attendance in large numbers.

After the closing of the Grand Lodge, the delegates were entertained by Shiloh Lodge at the Grand Theatre.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the M.·. W.·. Grand Master Sylvester J. Hill (1) closed the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota in ample form, at 4 o'clock p. m., Peace and Harmony prevailing

SYLVESTER J. HILL (1),

Grand Master.

Attest:

Frank J. Thompson

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

No. 1—Credentials.

No. 2—Mileage and Per Diem.

No. 3—Suspensions.

No. 4—Lodges, Locations, Officers and Time of Meeting.

No. 5—Synopsis of Lodge Returns.

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No. 8—Grand Representatives near North Dakota.

No. 9—Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.

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No. 11—Memorial Pages.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials reports as follows: We find the following grand officers, past grand officers, members of standing committees, and representatives from particular lodges present and entitled to vote in this Grand Lodge.

GRAND OFFICERS.

John Riessbeck (32).....M.·. W.·. Grand Master
Sylvester J. Hill (1).....R.·. W.·. Deputy Grand Master
Halfdan Bendeke (4).....R.·. W.·. Senior Grand Warden
John J. Hull (15).....R.·. W.·. Junior Grand Warden
Clinton D. Lord (26).....R.·. W.·. Grand Treasurer
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William Spriggs (4).....W.·. Grand Pursuivant
Jorgen Howard (10).....W.·. Grand Tyler
Laurence G. Moultrie (7).....W.·. Grand Chaplain
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....W.·. Grand Orator
Clarence A. Hale (4).....W.·. Grand Lecturer and Auditor

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Frank J. Thompson (1).....Past Grand Master
James McDonald (11).....Past Grand Master
George L. McGregor (6).....Past Grand Master
George H. Keyes (13).....Past Grand Master
Walter L. Stockwell (11).....Past Grand Master
James T. Blacklock (35).....Past Grand Master
James W. Foley (5).....Past Grand Master
Louis A. Jacobson (27).....Past Grand Master
Grant S. Hager (30).....Past Grand Master
Thomas E. Fox (47).....Past Grand Senior Warden
James S. Campbell (1).....Past Grand Junior Warden D. T.
Charles A. Harris (11).....Past Grand Treasurer
Evarts C. Stevens (43).....Past Grand Treasurer
Charles E. Boyden (12).....Past Grand Treasurer D. T.

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Finance.—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; William A. Dillon (5), Bismarck; Harry Lord (40), Cando.

Grievances and Appeals.—John McDonald (28), Inskter; Hally V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Augustus P. Folsom (32), Dickinson.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES.

Shiloh No. 1.....James McGuigan, W.·. M.·.
James H. Morrow, S.·. W.·.
Albert A. Comrie, J.·. W.·.
Pembina No. 2.....Henry G. Vick, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
John Heneman, S.·. W.·.**
Casselton No. 3.....E. George Guthrie**
Acacia No. 4.....George E. Duis, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Bismarck No. 5.....Hans R. Berndt, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
William A. Dillon, J.·. W.·.**
Jamestown No. 6.....O. St. C. Chenery**
Valley City No. 7.....Theodore S. Henry, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Charles A. Baker, J. W.·.**
Mandan No. 8.....I. Newton Steen, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*.
J.·. W.·.*
Cereal No. 9.....William J. Sansburn, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*.
J.·. W.·.*
Hillsboro No. 10.....Amos C. Crowl, W.·. M.·., J.·. W*
Fred L. Goodman, S.·. W.·.
Crescent No. 11.....James McDonald, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
John H. Fraine, J.·. W.·.**
Sheyenne Valley No. 12...Robert S. Campbell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*.
J.·. W.·.*
Ellendale No. 13.....Denis W. Coleman.**
Sanborn No. 14.....Ralph H. McKean, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Ole L. Edland, S.·. W.·.
Wahpeton No. 15.....Charles W. McKay, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
J.·. W.·.*
North Star No. 16.....William C. Gehring, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Thomas H. Pugh, S.·. W.·.
Minto No. 17.....Not represented.
Mackey No. 18.....Not represented.
Goose River No. 19.....Not represented.

Hiram No. 20.....Eben Q. Carver.**
Minnewaukan No. 21.....Stephen C. Jones, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Tongue River No. 22.....Not represented.
Bathgate No. 23.....William J. Bennett, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Euclid No. 24.....Frank Goldammer, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Anchor No. 25.....James K. Taylor, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Golden Valley No. 26.....Frank C. Lord, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Occidental No. 27.....George A. Warner.**
Forest River No. 28.....John McDonald.**
Hope No. 29.....William N. Bateman, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Temple No. 30.....Edward T. Thompson.**
Golden Fleece No. 31.....Not represented.
Dickinson No. 32.....Clarence N. Barker, W.·. M.·., S.·. W*, J.·. W.·.*
Star in West No. 33.....James Johnson, W.·. M.·.**
Henry E. Byorum, S.·. W.·., J.·. W.·.*
Lebanon No. 34.....Jerry Kelland, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
William Stevenson, S.·. W.·.
Hamilton No. 35.....James T. Blacklock.**
St. Johns No. 36.....Not represented.
Fairmount No. 37.....Thomas Jacobson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Crystal No. 38.....Robert H. Woods, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Mizpah No. 39.....James L. Green, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Cando No. 40.....Elmer T. Judd.**
Maple River No. 41.....John B. Kesler.**
Reynolds No. 42.....William H. Hemmey, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Mouse River No. 43.....Orin W. Rowe, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Louis E. Elstad, S.·. W.·.
Tuscan No. 44.....John H. G. Turner, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*
Fred W. Cathro, J.·. W.·.
Northern Light No. 45....Eugene M. Jackson, W.·. M.·.
Oscar D. Purinton, S.·. W.·.**, J.·. W.·.**
Evergreen No. 46.....Not represented.
Willow No. 47.....Frank Sims, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Milton No. 48.....Not represented.
Liberty No. 49.....John Taylor, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Walhalla No. 50.....Thomas R. McLaughlin, W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Nathaniel A. Baker, S.·. W.·.

Mt. Moriah No. 51.....Joseph Wegley, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Charles C. Mackenroth, S.·. W.·.
Fidelity No. 52.....Not represented.
Harmony No. 53.....Oliver F. Pierson, J.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, S.·. W.·.*
Welcome No. 54.....James McCormick, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Dacotah No. 55.....Joseph M. Stewart.**
Aurora No. 56.....Charles E. Tillson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Hankinson No. 57.....Louis J. Bleecker, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Khurum No. 58.....William W. Erb, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Independence No. 59.....George B. Simpson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Century No. 60.....George M. Pike, W.·. M.·.
Henry W. Wilson, S.·. W.·.
Paul J. Braman, J.·. W.·.**
Devotion No. 61.....Clyde L. Henderson.**
Hunter No. 62.....Oscar C. Robinson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Dickey No. 63.....Henry D. Bloss, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Ionic No. 64.....John H. McLean, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Rugby No. 65.....George W. Fraine, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Rolla No. 66.....John E. Brown, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Leeds No. 67.....James B. Cooledge, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Prudence No. 68.....Not represented.
Ashlar No. 69.....Clayton A. Stubbins, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Kenmare No. 70.....Olof Ribb, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Wimbledon No. 71.....Robert B. Cox, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Berthold No. 72.....Not represented.
Mohall No. 73.....Not represented.
Westhope No. 74.....William A. Meddaugh, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Bowbells No. 75.....Ralph E. Knowlton.**
Velva No. 76.....Milo J. Pitkin.**
Buffalo No. 77.....James A. McHattie, W.·. M.·., J.·. W.·.*
Emil F. Herrig, S.·. W.·.
Corinthian No. 77.....Charles C. Crawford.**
Glenburn No. 79.....Clarence V. Ferguson, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*

Antler No. 80.....M. Davis Dyar, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Holden No. 81.....Alfred S. Boe, W.·. M.·.
S. Laurence Kleve, J.·. W.·., S.·. W.·.*
Lansford No. 82.....Gustav A. Huss, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*
Edmore U.·. D.·. .....Burton J. Mowers, S.·. W.·., W.·. M.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Portal U.·. D.·. .....Roy T. McNaghten, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Meadow U.·. D .....Charles E. Fouts, W.·. M.·.
Nelson J. Kenyon, S.·. W.·.**
Joseph Wik, J.·. W.·.**
McClusky U.·. D.·. .....James R. Howell, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Eureka U.·. D.·. .....Fred A. Plummer, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Sunset U.·. D.·. .....William A. Sprague, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*,
J.·. W.·.*
Russell U D.·. .....Frank G. Orr, W.·. M.·., S.·. W.·.*, J.·. W.·.*

* An officer and proxy for Master or Wardens.
** Not Master or Warden, but representing Lodge or proxy for Master or Wardens.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

(Not entitled to vote by virtue of that office.)

Alberta	Charles E Tillson, Carrington.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox, Minot.
Belgium	Thomas Sims, Bottineau.
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor, Fargo.
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell, Grafton.
District Columbia	Denis W. Coleman, Ellendale.
England	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna, Fargo.
Greece	John Riessbeck, Dickinson.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie, Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull, Wahpeton.
Maine	Charles A. Harris, Grafton.
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Missouri	Harry Lord, Cando.
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New Jersey	James Johnson, Minot.
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North Carolina	James McDonald, Grafton.
Ohio	James W. Foley, Bismarck.
Porto Rico	James L. Green, Sheldon.
Queensland	William E. Hoover, Fargo.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke, Grand Forks.
Saskatchewan	Clarence V. Ferguson, Glenburn.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson, Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald, Inkster.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager, St. Thomas.
Vermont	George H. Phelps, Fargo.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock, Walhalla.
Washington	Eben Q. Carver, Page.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens, Towner.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES McCORMICK (54),
GUSTAV A. HUSS (82),
WILLIAM W. ERB (58),
Committee.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

To the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the matter of compensation due the members of this Grand Lodge, reports as follows:

We would recommend that an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of $1,242.70, to be paid by him to the proper delegates as hereinafter designated.

No.	Lodge	Location	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
1	Shiloh	Fargo			$4.00	$4.00	J. H. Morrow.
2	Pembina	Pembina	162	$8.10	4.00	12.10	H. G. Vick.
3	Casselton	Casselton	20				
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	Geo. E. Duis.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	H. R. Berndt.
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	93	4.65	2.00	6.65	O. St. C. Chenery.
7	Valley City	Valley City	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	T. S. Henry.
8	Mandan	Mandan	200	10.00	4.00	14.00	I. N. Steen.
9	Cereal	Tower City	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	W. J. Sansburn.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	J. Howard.
11	Crescent	Grafton	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	J. H. Fraine.
12	Sheyenne Valley	Lisbon	56	2.80	4.00	6.80	R. S. Campbell.
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	D. W. Coleman.
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	70	3.50	4.00	7.50	R. H. McKean.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	C. W. McKay.
16	North Star	Larimore	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	Pd. by G. T. ck.
17	Minto	Minto	107				
18	Mackey	LaMoure	88				
19	Goose River	Portland	64				
20	Hiram	Page	53	2.65	4.00	6.65	E. Q. Carver.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	165	8.25	4.00	12.25	S. C. Jones.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	149				
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	149	7.45	4.00	11.45	Pd. by G. T. ck.
24	Euclid	Lakota	144	7.20	4.00	11.20	F. Goldammer.
25	Anchor	Milnor	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	J. K. Taylor.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	C. D. Lord.
27	Occidental	Hope	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	G. A. Warner.
28	Forest River	Inkster	123				
29	Hope	Oakes	98	4.90	4.00	8.90	W. N. Bateman.
30	Temple	St. Thomas	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	E. T. Thompson.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	112				
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	C. N. Barker.
33	Star in the West	Minot	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	James Johnson.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	179	8.95	4.00	12.95	J. Kelland.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	142				
36	St. Johns	Forest River	110				
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	61	3.05	4.00	7.05	T. Jacobson.
38	Crystal	Crystal	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	R. H. Woods.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	42				
40	Cando	Cando	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	E. T. Judd.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	110	5.50	4.00	9.50	J. B. Kesler.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	57	2.85	4.00	6.85	W. H. Hemmy.
43	Mouse River	Towner	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	O. W. Rowe.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	J. G. Turner.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	106	5.30	4.00	9.30	E. M. Jackson.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	193				
47	Willow	Willow City	242	12.10	4.00	16.10	Frank Sims.
48	Milton	Milton	164				
49	Liberty	Enderlin	50	2.50	4.00	6.50	J. Taylor.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	T. R. McLaughlin.
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	406	20.30	4.00	24.30	Jos. Wegley.
52	Fidelity	Dravton	132				
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	101	5.05	4.00	9.05	O. F. Pierson.
54	Welcome	Churchs Ferry	186	9.30	4.00	13.30	J. McCormick.
55	Dacotah	Mayville	62	3.10	4.00	7.10	J. M. Stewart.
56	Aurora	Carrington	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	C. E. Tillson.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	88	4.40	4.00	8.40	L. J. Bleecker.
58	Khurum	Gilby	103	5.15	4.00	9.15	W. W. Erb.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.—Continued.

No.	Lodge	Location	Miles	Mileage	Per Diem	Total	Brother Receipting.
59	Independence	Leal	78	$3.90	$4.00	$7.90	G. B. Simpson.
60	Century	New Rockford	153	7.65	4.00	11.65	G. M. Pike.
61	Devotion	Harvey	165	8.35	4.00	12.35	C. L. Henderson.
62	Hunter	Hunter	40	2.00	4.00	6.00	Pd. by G. T. ck.
63	Dickey	Dickey	104	5.20	4.00	9.20	H. D. Bloss.
64	Ionic	Hannah	201	10.05	4.00	14.05	J. H. McLean.
65	Rugby	Rugby	224	11.20	4.00	15.20	G. W. Fraine.
66	Rolla	Rolla	233	11.65	4.00	15.65	J. E. Brown.
67	Leeds	Leeds	197	9.85	4.00	13.85	J. B. Cooledge.
68	Prudence	Cogswell	110	.....	.....	.....	.....
69	Ashlar	Granville	264	13.20	4.00	17.20	C. A. Stubbins.
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	335	16.75	4.00	20.75	O. Ribb.
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	86	4.30	4.00	8.30	R. B. Cox.
72	Berthold	Berthold	308	.....	.....	.....	.....
73	Mohall	Mohall	310	.....	.....	.....	.....
74	Westhope	Westhope	281	14.05	4.00	18.05	W. A. Meddaugh
75	Bowbells	Bowbells	347	17.35	4.00	21.35	R. E. Knowlton.
76	Velva	Velva	219	10.95	4.00	14.95	M. J. Pitkin.
77	Buffalo	Buffalo	36	1.80	4.00	5.80	J. A. McHattie.
78	Corinthian	Calvin	206	10.30	4.00	14.30	C. C. Crawford.
79	Glenburn	Glenburn	288	14.40	4.00	18.40	C. V. Ferguson.
80	Antler	Antler	294	14.70	4.00	18.70	M. D. Dyar.
81	Holden	Balfour	199	9.95	4.00	13.95	A. S. Boe.
82	Lansford	Lansford	299	14.45	4.00	18.45	G. A. Huss.
U. D.	Edmore	Edmore	169	8.45	4.00	12.45	B. J. Mowers.
U. D.	Portal	Portal	367	18.35	4.00	22.35	R. T. McNaghten
U. D.	Meadow	Upham	271	13.50	4.00	17.50	C. E. Fouts.
U. D.	McClusky	McClusky	200	10.00	4.00	14.00	J. R. Howell.
U. D.	Eureka	Sarles	215	10.75	4.00	14.75	F. A. Plummer.
U. D.	Sunset	Beach	373	18.65	.35	19.00	W. A. Sprague.
U. D.	Russell	Russell	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	F. G. Orr.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—Continued.

GRAND, PAST GRAND OFFICERS, AND STANDING COMMITTEES.

Name	Office	Location	Miles	Mileage	Per. Diem	Total	Brother Receipting
John Riessbeck..	Grand Master.....	Dickinson.....	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	Pd. by G. T. ck.
Sylvester J. Hill.	Dep. Gr. Master....	Fargo.....	...	.....	4.00	4.00	S. J. Hill
Halfdan Bendeke	Sr. Gr. Warden.....	Grahd Forks..	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	H. Bendeke
John J. Hull....	Jr. Gr. Warden.....	Wahpeton....	46	2.30	4.00	6.30	J. J. Hull
Clinton D. Lord.	Gr. Treasurer.....	Park River....	140	7.00	4.00	11.00	C. D. Lord
F. J. Thompson..	Gr. Secretary.....	Fargo.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robt. Morrison..	Sr. Gr. Deacon.....	Pembina.....	162	8.10	4.00	12.10	R. Morrison
Wm. E. Hoover.	Sr. Gr. Deacon.....	Fargo.....	...	.....	4.00	4.00	W. E. Hoover
J. L. Green.....	Sr. Gr. Steward.....	Sheldon.....	42	2.10	4.00	6.10	J. L. Green
W. L. Williamson	Jr. Gr. Steward.....	Lisbon.....	56	2.80	4.00	6.80	W. L. Williamson
F. A. Cousins....	Gr. Marshal.....	Carrington....	136	6.80	4.00	10.80	F. A. Cousins
Thomas Sims....	Gr. Sword Bearer...	Bottineau.....	260	13.00	4.00	17.00	Thomas Sims
Wm. Spriggs....	Gr. Pursuivant.....	Grand Forks..	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	Wm. Spriggs
Jorgen Howard..	Gr. Tyler.....	Hillsboro.....	39	1.95	4.00	5.95	Jorgen Howard
L. G. Moultrie...	Gr. Chaplain.....	Valley City....	58	2.90	4.00	6.90	L. G. Moultrie
W. L. Stockwell	Grand Orator.....	Grafton.....	117	5.85	2.00	7.85	W. L. Stockwell
Clarence A. Hale	Gr. Lec. & Aud.....	Grand Forks..	78	3.90	4.00	7.90	C. A. Hale
J. McDonald....	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Grafton.....	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	J. McDonald
G. L. McGregor..	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Fargo.....	...	.....	4.00	4.00	G. L. McGregor
G.H. Keyes.....	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Ellendale.....	140	7.00	2.00	9.00	G. H. Keyes
J. T. Blacklock..	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Walhalla.....	166	8.30	4.00	12.30	J. T. Blacklock
J. W. Foley.....	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Bismarck.....	195	9.75	4.00	13.75	J. W. Foley
L. A. Jacobson..	P.·. G.·. Master.....	Hope.....	66	3.30	4.00	7.30	L. A. Jocabson
G. S. Hager.....	P.·. G.·. Master.....	St. Thomas...	131	6.55	4.00	10.55	G. S. Hager
T. E. Fox.....	P.·. G.·. Sr. Warden.	Minot.....	285	14.25	4.00	18.25	T. E. Fox
C. A. Harris.....	P.·. G.·. Treasurer..	Grafton.....	117	5.85	4.00	9.85	C. A. Harris
E. C. Stevens...	P.·. G.·. Treasurer..	Towner.....	249	12.45	4.00	16.45	E. C. Stevens
C. E. Boyden....	G.·. P.·. Treas. D. T.	Lisbon.....	56	2.80	4.00	6.80	C. E. Boyden
A. B. Taylor....	Finance Com.....	Fargo.....	...	.....	6.00	6.00	A. B. Taylor
E. G. Guthrie...	Finance Com.....	Fargo.....	...	.....	6.00	6.00	E. G. Guthrie
F. H. Sprague...	Finance Com.....	Grafton.....	117	5.85	6.00	11.85	F. H. Sprague
W. A. Dillon....	Finance Com.....	Bismarck.....	195	9.75	6.00	15.75	W. A. Dillon
Harry Lord.....	Finance Com.....	Cando.....	199	9.95	6.00	15.95	Harry Lord
John McDonald.	Griev. & App. Com.	Inkster.....	123	6.15	4.00	10.15	John McDonald
H. V. Hicks.....	Griev. & App. Com.	Oakes.....	99	4.90	4.00	8.90	H. V. Hicks
A. P. Folsom....	Griev. & App. Com.	Dickinson.....	309	15.45	4.00	19.45	A. P. Folsom

Fraternally submitted,

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WILLIAM J. SANSBURN (9),
EVARTS C. STEVENS (43),
Committee.

SUSPENDED N.·.P.·. D.·.

SHILOH LODGE NO. 1.

Bohn, Frank L.
Divine, Asher A.
Hanson, Hans H.
Lincoln, Herbert E.
Sorenson, Bernard S.

VALLEY CITY LODGE NO. 7.

Burke, Edward T.
Nelson, Nels.

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 16.

Briggs, Wesley C.

MINTO LODGE NO. 17.

Cochrane, William M.
Sheppard, William T.

OCCIDENTAL LODGE NO. 27.

Larsen, Peter.
McLeod, David W.
Norcott, Culver K.

HOPE LODGE NO. 29.

Hancock, Howard.

TEMPLE LODGE NO. 30.

Flath, George P.

LEBANON LODGE NO. 34.

Horgan, Michael J.
Lough, Thomas.
Salter, James D.
Sheppard, James R.

ST. JOHNS LODGE NO. 36.

Daniels, William H.

MOUSE RIVER LODGE NO. 43.

Eidness, Andrew E.
Hermanson, Christian.

NORTHERN LIGHT LODGE NO. 45.

Ohnstad, Elling W.

LIBERTY LODGE NO. 49.

Colby, Victor C.
Franciscus, Matthew F.
Lawry, James M.

WALHALLA LODGE NO. 50.

Davidson, Simeon L.

FIDELITY LODGE NO. 52.

Johnson, Flavius T.
Robbie, John M.

HARMONY LODGE NO. 53.

Cook, Charles V.
Smythe, George A.

AURORA LODGE NO. 56.

Bennett, William L.
Wing, Charles K.

IONIC LODGE NO. 64.

Rose, Wallace R.

RUGBY LODGE NO. 65.

Davies, Robert H.
Johnson, John C.
McMillan, James E.
Read, Lucian B. S.
Sloan, James.

LEEDS LODGE NO. 67.

Kirkpatrick, Perry J.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULATED STATEMENT.

COMPILED FROM THE RETURNS OF MAY 1, 1908, SHOWING LODGE LOCATIONS, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, SECRETARIES, AND STATED MEETINGS.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	County.	Worshipful Master.	Secretary.	Stated Meetings.
1	Shiloh	Fargo	Cass	James McGuigan	Frank J. Thompson	2nd Friday.
2	Pembina	Pembina	Pembina	Henry G. Vick	Austin R. Harvey	1st and 3rd Fridays.
3	Casselton	Casselton	Cass	Douglas S. Smith	H. John Rowe	2nd and 4th Fridays.
4	Acacia	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	George E. Duis	Ingvald A. Berg	2nd and 4th Fridays.
5	Bismarck	Bismarck	Burleigh	Hans R. Berndt	George F. Dullam	1st and 3rd Mondays.
6	Jamestown	Jamestown	Stutsman	Fred G. Kneeland	Charles W. Pierce	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
7	Valley City	Valley City	Barnes	Theodore S. Henry	Laurence G. Moultrie	1st Friday.
8	Mandan	Mandan	Morton	I. Newton Steen	Arthur H. Peterson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
9	Cereal	Tower City	Cass	William J. Sansburn	William E. Clark	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Traill	Amos C. Crowl	Christian H. Baglien	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
11	Crescent	Grafton	Walsh	James McDonald	Benj. A. Provost	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
12	Sheyenne	Lisbon	Ransom	Robert S. Campbell	George W. Ferguson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
13	Ellendale	Ellendale	Dickey	Frank M. Walton	George E. Lane	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
14	Sanborn	Sanborn	Barnes	Ralph H. McKean	James H. Black	1st and 3rd Mondays.
15	Wahpeton	Wahpeton	Richland	Charles W. McKay	John M. Kramer	2nd and 4th Fridays.
16	North Star	Larimore	Grand Forks	William C. Ghering	Victor S. Wisner	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
17	Minto	Minto	Walsh	Allan Patterson	Samuel D. Thomson	1st and 3rd Fridays.
18	Mackey	LaMoure	LaMoure	Oscar Wankel	Willard Proctor	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
19	Goose River	Portland	Traill	Paul M. Paulson	Orville D. Patterson	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
20	Hiram	Page	Cass	Walter J. Lorshbough	Lemuel B. Smith	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
21	Minnewaukan	Devils Lake	Ramsey	Stephen C. Jones	Albert H. Bell	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
22	Tongue River	Cavalier	Pembina	Andrew Robbie	Cyrus Bechtel	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
23	Bathgate	Bathgate	Pembina	Charles G. Bauer	Robert B. Richardson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
24	Euclid	Lakota	Nelson	Frank Goldammer	Robert L. McArthur	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
25	Anchor	Milnor	Sargent	Hamilton W. Emanuel	Edmond C. Lewis	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
26	Golden Valley	Park River	Walsh	Thomas F. Waugh	Edward F. Bruce	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
27	Occidental	Hope	Steele	Joseph A. Pepper	John D. Foley	2nd and 4th Fridays.
28	Forest River	Inkster	Grand Forks	Victor E. Bemis	Edwin Church	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
29	Hope	Oakes	Dickey	Edward W. Bittman	Halley V. Hicks	1st and 3rd Mondays.
30	Temple	St. Thomas	Pembina	Frank J. King	James Curtis	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
31	Golden Fleece	Forman	Sargent	Joseph E. Wiper	Ray L. Himebaugh	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
32	Dickinson	Dickinson	Stark	Clarence N. Barker	Augustus P. Folsom	2nd and 4th Fridays.
33	Star in the West	Minot	Ward	John M. Wilson	Einar Muus	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
34	Lebanon	Langdon	Cavalier	Jerry Kelland	James H. Bain	2nd and 4th Fridays.
35	Hamilton	Hamilton	Pembina	Alexander Stensby	George L. Paxman	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
36	St. Johns	Forest River	Walsh	James H. Scott	Alexander B. Field	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
37	Fairmount	Fairmount	Richland	Thomas Jacobson	John F. Cross	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
38	Crystal	Crystal	Pembina	Henry S. Dickson	Donald J. Innes	1st and 3rd Fridays.
39	Mizpah	Sheldon	Ransom	James L. Green	Edward C. Shanks	1st and 3rd Thursdays.

40	Cando	Cando	Towner	John G. Lamont	Forrest F. Vaughan	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
41	Maple River	Edgeley	LaMoure	George Bulmer	William E. Barber	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
42	Reynolds	Reynolds	Traill	William H. Hemmy	Myron N. Brathovde	2nd and 4th Mondays.
43	Mouse River	Towner	McHenry	Olin W. Rowe	Henry A. Holmes	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
44	Tuscan	Bottineau	Bottineau	John H. G. Turner	Griffeth W. Gibson	2nd and 4th Fridays.
45	Northern Light	Cooperstown	Griggs	Eugene M. Jackson	Frank Gladstone	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
46	Evergreen	Minnewaukan	Benson	Eugene H. Cowell	Alfred Dresser	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
47	Willow	Willow City	Bottineau	Frank Sims	Laurence H. Peterson	1st and 3rd Thursdays
48	Milton	Milton	Cavalier	Samuel O. Tollefson	John McCarthy	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
49	Liberty	Enderlin	Ransom	John Taylor	Byron A. Fahl	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
50	Walhalla	Walhalla	Pembina	Thomas R. McLaughlin	Robert B. Cunningham	1st and 3rd Fridays.
51	Mt. Moriah	Williston	Williams	Joseph Wegley	Erasmus M. Atterberry	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
52	Fidelity	Drayton	Pembina	George A. McCrea	Thomas F. Newans	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
53	Harmony	Lidgerwood	Richland	John H. Clark	Stanislav B. Hochman	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
54	Welcome	Churchs Ferry	Ramsey	James McCormick	Thomas E. Engelhorn	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
55	Dacotah	Mayville	Traill	Gilbert Moskan	Raymond G. Patterson	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
56	Aurora	Carrington	Foster	Charles E. Tillson	Charles M. Porter	Tuesday on or before full moon.
57	Hankinson	Hankinson	Richland	Louis J. Bleeker	Otto L. Lindeke	1st and 3rd Fridays.
58	Khurum	Gilby	Grand Forks	William W. Erb	Martin E. Bratly	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
59	Independence	Leal	Barnes	George B. Simpson	Perry H. Tickett	Thursday on or before full moon.
60	Century	New Rockford	Eddy	George M. Pike	Paul J. Braman	1st and 3rd Mondays.
61	Devotion	Harvey	Wells	Ira D. Clark	Clyde L. Henderson	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
62	Hunter	Hunter	Cass	Oscar C. Robinson	Samuel H. Adams	1st Tuesday.
63	Dickey	Dickey	LaMoure	Henry D. Bloss	John A. May	1st and 3rd Wednesdays
64	Ionic	Hannah	Cavalier	John H. McLean	Oren F. Fansett	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
65	Rugby	Rugby	Pierce	George W. Fraine	Charles B. Hughes	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
66	Rolla	Rolla	Rolette	John E. Brown	Guido Widmeyer	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
67	Leeds	Leeds	Benson	William H. Thomas	Arthur H. Hughart	2nd and 4th Mondays.
68	Prudence	Cogswell	Sargent	Frank Ashley	Harry E. Shearn	1st and 3rd Mondays.
69	Ashlar	Granville	McHenry	Clayton A. Stubbins	Ole M. Erickson	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
70	Kenmare	Kenmare	Ward	Olof Ribb	Hjalmer P. Thornson	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
71	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	Barnes	Robert B. Cox	William O. Joos	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
72	Berthold	Berthold	Ward	William E. McQueen	Oliver C. Bailey	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
73	Mohall	Mohall	Ward	James F. Maruska	Steve Nason	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
74	Westhope	Westhope	Bottineau	William A. Meddaugh	Clayton E. Brace	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
75	Bowbells	Bowbells	Ward	Duncan McClellan	James W. Kingston	1st and 3rd Tuesdays.
76	Velva	Velva	McHenry	William E. Byerly	Albert Dickinson	1st and 3rd Fridays.
77	Buffalo	Buffalo	Cass	James A. McHattie	George E. Bateman	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
78	Corinthian	Calvin	Calvalier	Donald McKechnie	Charles C. Crawford	1st and 3rd Mondays.
79	Glenburn	Glenburn	Ward	Clarence V. Ferguson	Arthur A. Butts	1st and 3rd Thursdays
80	Antler	Antler	Bottineau	William C. Derby	Neil E. Anderson	1st and 3rd Mondays.
81	Holden	Balfour	McHenry	Alfred S. Boe	Almon W. Parmenter	2nd and 4th Saturdays.
82	Lansford	Lansford	Bottineau	Gustav A. Huss	John G. Walstead	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
83	Edmore	Edmore	Ramsey	Henry R. Aslakson	Martin O. Simonstad	1st and 3rd Wednesdays.
84	Portal	Portal	Ward	Roy T. McNaghten	E. W. Landt	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
85	Meadow	Upham	McHenry	Charles E. Fouts	Tillman Smith	2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
86	McClusky	McClusky	McLean	James R. Howell	Elmer E. Green	2nd and 4th Thursdays.
87	Eureka	Eureka	Cavalier	Fred. A. Plummer	James D. McLennan	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
88	Sunset	Beach	Billings	William A. Sprague	John A. McGregor	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
89	Russell	Russell	Bottineau	Frank G. Orr	William A. McHugh,	1st and 3d Fridays.

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1	Shiloh	45	43	53	9	1	6	11	5	...	63	22	538	$555.00
2	Pembina	3	3	3	1	...	...	2	...	...	4	2	56	50.25
3	Casselton	11	6	6	3	...	...	4	...	...	9	4	119	117.75
4	Acacia	17	18	22	11	...	2	16	...	...	33	18	274	276.25
5	Bismarck	9	7	5	4	1	1	4	...	...	10	5	96	108.00
6	Jamestown	17	13	16	4	...	1	5	...	...	20	6	171	173.50
7	Valley City	9	7	7	8	...	1	4	2	...	15	7	144	133.25
8	Mandan	4	4	10	5	5	2	4	...	...	21	6	92	115.75
9	Cereal	5	6	5	2	...	...	1	...	...	7	1	61	61.75
10	Hillsboro	11	7	6	1	...	2	3	...	...	7	5	107	112.00
11	Crescent	5	6	6	3	...	...	5	...	...	9	5	101	95.50
12	Sheyenne Valley	6	8	7	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	1	104	97.50
13	Ellendale	5	8	9	1	...	2	5	...	...	10	7	89	86.25
14	Sanborn	6	6	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	1	55	61.25
15	Wahpeton	7	8	8	2	1	2	1	...	...	11	3	75	83.75
16	North Star	12	6	5	1	...	...	4	1	...	6	5	106	110.25
17	Minto	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	40	28.50
18	Mackey	5	4	5	3	...	...	3	...	...	8	3	55	57.50
19	Goose River	3	4	4	2	...	1	1	...	...	6	2	36	38.00
20	Hiram	2	1	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	3	4	69	56.25
21	Minnewaukan	10	8	7	4	...	1	3	...	...	13	4	164	156.50
22	Tongue River	7	8	8	1	1	...	7	...	...	10	7	56	59.50
23	Bathgate	1	1	...	2	...	1	3	...	...	2	4	77	59.75
24	Euclid	5	4	5	3	...	...	1	...	...	8	1	66	67.75
25	Anchor	6	4	5	...	...	1	1	...	...	5	2	38	44.00
26	Golden Valley	3	6	7	1	1	2	5	...	...	9	7	78	70.25
27	Occidental	13	14	18	...	1	3	2	3	...	19	8	144	147.00
28	Forest River	4	4	4	...	...	1	3	...	...	4	4	71	63.75
29	Hope	2	3	3	2	1	1	5	1	...	6	7	54	50.00
30	Temple	1	1	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	2	3	52	42.00
31	Golden Fleece	7	6	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	48	52.00
32	Dickinson	15	15	16	7	1	3	6	...	...	24	9	146	153.75
33	Star in the West	13	11	11	13	1	2	7	...	...	25	9	120	125.00
34	Lebanon	16	13	11	2	...	3	5	4	...	13	12	190	182.50
35	Hamilton	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	36	30.00
36	St. Johns	4	4	3	...	2	...	1	1	...	5	2	32	35.50
37	Fairmount	...	2	3	1	...	...	4	...	...	4	4	46	39.50
38	Crystal	1	5	9	2	1	1	1	...	...	12	2	37	42.00
39	Mizpah	4	3	2	2	...	...	3	...	...	4	3	71	60.75
40	Cando	13	9	9	9	...	3	7	...	...	18	10	89	101.00
41	Maple River	5	5	8	2	...	...	1	...	...	10	1	61	67.75
42	Reynolds	3	3	5	...	...	...	6	...	...	5	6	38	46.25
43	Mouse River	2	7	8	3	...	...	5	2	...	11	7	51	57.25
44	Tuscan	11	10	9	1	1	1	5	...	...	11	6	117	128.75
45	Northern Light	8	10	10	...	...	1	2	1	...	10	4	96	104.00
46	Evergreen	6	5	7	...	...	1	2	...	...	7	3	90	81.25
47	Willow	6	7	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	6	3	69	76.00
48	Milton	4	2	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	54	49.50
49	Liberty	19	18	16	5	...	1	2	3	...	21	6	92	131.25
50	Walhalla	4	4	2	1	...	...	2	1	...	3	3	61	55.75
51	Mt. Moriah	13	9	8	3	...	2	1	...	...	11	3	71	96.25
52	Fidelity	3	2	1	2	...	1	1	2	...	3	4	32	33.00
53	Harmony	9	5	2	...	...	2	5	2	...	2	9	61	61.75
54	Welcome	...	1	3	...	1	1	5	...	...	4	6	25	20.75
55	Dacotah	7	8	7	1	...	...	4	...	...	8	4	37	49.75
56	Aurora	8	11	9	3	2	2	7	2	...	14	11	90	99.50
57	Hankinson	5	6	5	1	...	...	3	...	...	6	3	61	61.75
58	Khurum	2	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	2	32	30.50
59	Independence	7	9	8	...	...	...	6	...	...	8	6	32	50.25
60	Century	8	7	9	1	...	...	1	...	...	10	1	85	91.25
61	Devotion	5	3	3	2	3	...	8	...	...	8	8	55	52.25
62	Hunter	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	28	26.00
63	Dickey	7	7	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	45	53.75
64	Ionic	5	6	6	...	...	1	2	1	...	6	4	68	68.00
65	Rugby	13	13	12	1	...	1	4	5	...	13	10	70	110.25
66	Rolla	8	14	21	1	...	...	2	...	...	22	2	121	123.50
67	Leeds	5	7	9	1	...	2	1	1	...	10	4	47	61.25

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68	Prudence	2	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	33	$ 33.75
69	Ashlar	5	5	4	2	...	1	4	...	...	6	5	60	62.50
70	Kenmare	13	9	12	2	...	...	7	...	...	14	...	63	94.25
71	Wimbledon	9	8	9	1	...	...	2	...	...	10	2	51	68.75
72	Berthold	2	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	34	35.00
73	Mohall	11	8	10	...	...	...	4	...	...	10	4	47	63.50
74	Westhope	11	11	9	2	...	...	5	...	...	11	5	55	83.25
75	Bowbells	3	5	6	1	...	...	1	...	...	7	1	31	40.25
76	Velva	8	12	7	3	...	...	1	...	...	10	1	46	61.50
77	Buffalo	7	7	8	1	...	...	3	...	...	9	3	41	56.25
78	Corinthian	19	20	20	3	...	...	8	...	...	23	8	77	116.75
79	Glenburn	16	14	12	1	...	...	4	...	...	13	4	38	70.50
80	Antler	4	3	4	1	...	...	2	...	...	5	2	24	33.00
81	Holden	16	19	16	1	...	...	1	...	...	17	1	36	92.50
82	Lansford	10	19	14	...	...	...	1	...	...	14	1	33	77.00
83	Edmore	17	18	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	38	69.00
84	Portal	11	10	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	35	44.00
85	Meadow	13	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	31	48.50
86	McClusky	17	15	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	31	43.00
87	Eureka	8	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	26	20.00
88	Sunset	7	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	25	19.00
89	Russell	16	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	22	48.50
	Totals	751	686	691	162	25	60	275	40	...	881	375	6578	$7169.00

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP DATA—GRAND LODGES DAKOTA TERRITORY AND NORTH DAKOTA.

Place of Meeting	Date	No. of Lodges	Membership
Dakota Territory –			
Elk Point	June 22 23, 1875	5	...
Yankton	June 13 14, 1876	6	239
Yankton	June 12 13, 1877	6	254
Sioux Falls	June 11 12, 1878	7	281
Yankton	June 10 11, 1879	11	404
Yankton	June 8 9, 1880	16	541
Sioux Falls	June 14 15, 1881	23	723
Watertown	June 13 14, 1882	32	1157
Rapid City	June 12 13, 1883	50	1533
Aberdeen	June 10 11, 1884	61	2026
Fargo	June 9 10, 1885	79	2644
Bismarck	June 8 9, 1886	89	3154
Huron	June 14 15, 1887	94	3504
Deadwood	June 12 13, 1888	102	4288
Mitchell	June 11 12, 1889	107	4505
North Dakota			
*Mitchell, S. D.	June 12 13, 1889	31	1322
Grand Forks	June 17 18, 1890	33	1464
Fargo	June 16 17, 1891	34	1504
Grand Forks	June 28 29, 1892	35	1732
Devils Lake	June 13 14, 1893	41	1972
Valley City	June 12 13, 1894	44	2172
Fargo	June 18 19, 1895	44	2312
Fargo	June 9 10, 1896	46	2535
Fargo	June 8 9, 1897	48	2702
Fargo	June 21 22, 1898	50	2871
Fargo	June 20 21, 1899	55	3160
Fargo	June 19 20, 1900	62	3492
Fargo	June 18 19, 1901	65	3742
Fargo	June 24 25, 1902	66	3998
Fargo	June 23 24, 1903	67	4397
Fargo	June 28 29, 1904	72	4847
Grand Forks	June 27 28, 1905	74	5153
Fargo	June 26 27, 1906	78	5567
Grand Forks	June 25 26, 1907	83	5945
Fargo	June 30 and July 1, 1908	89	6578

* Prior to meeting of Grand Lodge, the Territory had been divided into two states, North and South Dakota. At the meeting of the territorial Grand Lodge, 1889, the lodges of the North withdrew and formed the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, the two Grand Lodges being in session at the same time in adjoining rooms.

LIST OF ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ORGANIZED 1889. PRIOR TO THAT YEAR IT WAS PART OF THE GRAND LODGE OF DAKOTA.

Year	GRAND MASTER	DEPUTY G. M.	GR. SR. WARDEN	GR. JR. WARDEN.	GR. TREASURER.	GR. SECRETARY.
1875	Thomas H. Brown	Franklin J. De Witt*	Calvin G. Shaw	Henry H. Blair	Geo. H. Hand*	M. W. Bailey*
1876	Henry H. Blair	George H. Hand*	Bligh E. Wood	Robert C. Hawkins*	James B. Watson	M. W. Bailey*
1877	George H. Hand*	William H. Miller	Robert C. Hawkins*	James B. Watson	Daniel Niles	W. E. Caton
1878	George H. Hand*	Robert C. Hawkins*	Henry H. Folk†	John L. Turner	Charles F. Mallahan†	C. T. McCoy*
1879	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk†	John L. Turner	James A. Wallace	Charles W. McDonald	C. T. McCoy*
1880	George H. Hand*	Henry H. Folk†	Silas M. Palmer	James S. Campbell†	Oscar S. Gifford	C. T. McCoy*
1881	Thomas H. Brown	Albert O. Inganist*	Thomas J. Wilder*	George W. Kingsbury	Merrit H. Day*	C. T. McCoy*
1882	Oscar S. Gifford	Isaac E. West	John Davidson*	David C. Thomas	Thomas J. Wilder*	C. T. McCoy*
1883	Oscar S. Gifford	John F. Schrader	H. Herrick	Abner E. Hitchcock	Leonard R. Graves	C. T. McCoy*
1884	John F. Schrader	William Blatt†	Sylvester J. Conklin	Henry M. Wheeler**	William B. Cameron	C. T. McCoy*
1885	William Blatt†	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	Samuel Roy*	Chas. E. Boyden**	C. T. McCoy*
1886	William Blatt†	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	George W. Snow	C. T. McCoy*
1887	Henry M. Wheeler**	John Q. A. Braden	N. C. Whitefield	James W. Cloes†**	Edward G. Benke*	C. T. McCoy*
1888	John Q. A. Braden	George V. Ayers	James W. Cloes†**	Theodore D. Kanouse†	John D. Hale	C. T. McCoy*
1889	James W. Cloes (6)†	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)*	Albert B. Herrick†(12)	Chas. E. Jackson†(2)	David S. Dodds* (24)
1890	Frank J. Thompson (1)	John F. Selby (10)*	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	Wm. A. Bentley (5)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1891	John F. Selby (10)*	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Frank A. Briggs* (8)	Thos. J. Wilder* (3)
1892	Albert B. Herrick† (12)	Wm. H. Gannon (13)	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Will am James* (23)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1893	James McDonald (11)	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James* (23)	George A. Luce* (27)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1894	Geo. L. McGregor (6)	Elliot C. Crain (4)	William James*(23)	William H. Best* (3)	John J. Freeman* (32)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1895	William H. Best*(3)	William T. Perkins† (5)	Robt. M. Carothers (4)*	Geo H. Keyes (13)	Don R. Davidson* (15)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1896	William T. Perkins† (5)	Robert M. Carothers (4)*	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival† (21)	Charles Harris (11)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1897	Robt. M. Carothers (4)*	Geo. H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival (21)†	Edwin H. James (30)†	Evarts C. Stevens (43)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1898	George H. Keyes (13)	John A. Percival† (21)	Edwin H. James (30)†	Theo. F. Branch† (6)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1899	John A. Percival † (21)	Edwin H. James (30)†	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1900	Edwin H. James (30)†	Thos. L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. Kleinogel† (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1901	Thomas L. Foulks (12)	W. L. Stockwell (11)	Thos. E. Fox (47)	James T. Blacklock (35)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1902	W. L. Stockwell (11)	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott† (29)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1903	James T. Blacklock (35)	James W. Foley (5)	John Scott† (29)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1904	James W. Foley (5)	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1905	Louis A. Jacobson (27)	Grant S Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1906	Grant S. Hager (30)	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1907	John Riessbeck (32)	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	John J. Hull (15)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)
1908	Sylvester J. Hill (1)	Halfdan Bendeke (4)	John J. Hull (15)	Robert Morrison (2)	Clinton D. Lord (26)	Frank J. Thompson (1)

*Deceased. †Left the jurisdiction. **With North Dakota.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Alabama	Eugene S. Flint	Casselton.
Arizona	Thomas E. Fox	Minot.
Alberta	Charles E. Tillson	Carrington
Arkansas	William McKean	Sanborn.
British Columbia	Victor H. Stickney	Dickinson.
Belgium	Thomas Sims	Bottineau.
*California		
Canada	Alexander B. Taylor	Fargo.
Colorado	John Holmes	Valley City.
Connecticut	Lewis Hill	Mandan.
Costa Rica	Edwin J. Taylor	Bismarck.
Cuba		
Delaware	Walter L. Stockwell	Grafton.
District of Columbia	Dennis W. Coleman	Ellendale.
Egypt	Robert L. Kenney	Mayville.
England	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
Florida	Stillman E. Brown	LaMoure.
Georgia	Louis B. Hanna	Fargo.
Greece	John Riessbeck	Dickinson
Idaho	John Kennedy	Oakes.
Illinois	E. George Guthrie	Fargo.
Indiana	John J. Hull	Wahpeton.
Indian Territory	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
*Iowa		
Ireland	Charles Allen	Grand Forks.
Kansas		
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Thomas L. Foulks	Fargo.
Maine	Charles A. Harris	Grafton.
Manitoba	Thomas Nisbet	Grand Forks.
Maryland	Elisha B. Page	Leeds.
*Massachusetts		
Mexico	Herbert W. Kiff	Tower City.
Michigan	Aurelius L. Wall	Fargo
Minnesota	William H. Campbell	Kenmare.
Mississippi	George L. McGregor	Fargo.
Missouri	Harry Lord	Cando.
Montana	Jack N. Brown	Cooperstown.
Nebraska	William H. Gannon	Ellendale.
Nevada	Walter L. Williamson	Lisbon.
New Brunswick	Louis A. Jacobson	Hope.
New Hampshire	August Brodtkorb	Edgeley.
New Jersey	James Johnson	Minot.
New Mexico	Thos. A. Boyden	Jamestown.
New York	Sylvester J. Hill	Fargo.
North Carolina	James McDonald	Grafton.
Nova Scotia	James H. Marshall	Bismarck.
New Zealand	Almond L. Woods	Grand Forks.
New South Wales	Herbert J. Gibson	Fargo.
Oklahoma	Edwin L. Scofield	Dickinson.
Ohio	James W. Foley	Bismarck.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES NEAR THAT OF NORTH DAKOTA—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name.	Residence.
Oregon	H. John Rowe	Casselton.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	John C. Freemont Parker	Dickinson.
Peru		
Porto Rico	James L. Green	Sheldon.
Quebec	Henry M. Wheeler	Grand Forks.
Queensland	William E. Hoover	Fargo.
Rhode Island	Halfdan Bendeke	Grand Forks.
Saskatchewan	Clarence V. Ferguson	Glenburn.
South Carolina	Francis Ingalls	Jamestown.
South Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.
South Australia	John McDonald	Inkster.
Scotland	Alexander C. Mather	Grand Forks.
Tennessee	Grant S. Hager	St. Thomas.
Texas	William J. Milligan	Hope.
Utah		
Vermont	George H. Phelps	Fargo.
Virginia	Frank A. Rahders	Lakota.
Victoria	James T. Blacklock	Walhalla.
Washington	Eben Q. Carver	Page.
West Virginia	Gilbert La Du	Lisbon.
Western Australia	Arthur E. Cobb	Grafton.
Wisconsin	Evarts C. Stevens	Towner.
*Wyoming		

*Does not exchange representatives.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge	Name	Residence
Alabama	John G. Smith	Birmingham.
Alberta	James Reid	Vegreville.
Arizona	John M. Ormsby	Tucson.
Arkansas	J. S. Westerfield	Conway.
British Columbia	James Abrams	Nanaimo.
Belgium	Gustave Royers	Antwerp.
*California		
Canada	H. D. Leask	North Bay, Ont.
Colorado	Horace T. De Long	Grand Junction, 555 Main Street.
Connecticut	Christopher E. Prince	New Haven.
Costa Rica	Pablo H. Julias	
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Havana, Someruelos 40
Delaware	Charles E. Moore	Clayton.
District of Columbia	Edwin St. Clair Thompson	Washington, No. 1735 N H. Ave., N. W.
Egypt	Raphael Serra	Alexandria.
England		
Florida	Lewis Harrison	Lake City.
Georgia	B. H. Patterson	Baxley.
Greece	Aristippe Dem Schortsanitis	Athens, Rue Constantin Paleologue, 18.
Idaho	Thomas C. Wilson	Idaho Falls.
Illinois	George W. Warvelle	Chicago, 15 Dearborn St
Indiana	Lucien A. Foote	Crawfordsville.
Indian Territory	James J. McAlester	McAlester.
*Iowa		
Ireland	F. H. Wayland	Rathgar. 8 Garville Rd.
Kansas	Marion L. Truby	Independence.
*Kentucky		
Louisiana	Owen Gernon	New Orleans.
Maine	Elbridge G. Heath	Auburn.
Manitoba	Lynds S. Vaughan	Selkirk.
Maryland	James C. Gorman	Baltimore, care of Corn and Flour Exchange
*Massachusetts		
Mexico, Valle de	R. N. Penny	Mexico City, Calle de la Plaz 618.
Michigan	A. B. Chase	Covert.
Minnesota	Henry R. Wells	Preston.
Mississippi	J. S. Carothers	West Point.
Missouri	Dorsey A. Jamison	St. Louis, 404 Market St
Montana	Edward D. Neil, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	John A. Ehrhardt	Stanton.
Nevada	W. L. Bechtel	Reno.
New Brunswick	John Johnson	Saint John.
New Hampshire	Wilbur F. Smith	Lebanon.
New Jersey	John G. Gopsill	Jersey City.
New Mexico		
New York	Donald Gow	New York, 162 W. 21st St.
North Carolina	William Richardson	Selma.
Nova Scotia	Carman S. Marshall	Bridgewater.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH DAKOTA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Name	Residence.
New Zealand	Thomas Ross	Dunedin.
New South Wales	Dougald Dobie	Panawaha.
Oklahoma	Earl Bebee	El Reno.
Ohio	P. H. Boynton	Elyria.
Oregon	Julius C. Moreland	Portland.
*Pennsylvania		
Prince Edward Island	Ambrose L. Brown	Charlottetown.
Peru	Carlos G. Anderson	Lima.
Quebec	W. H. G. Garrloch	Hull.
Queensland	Henry Brown	Brisbane, Elizabeth St.
Rhode Island	C. Henry Alexander	Providence, 47 Brighton St.
Saskatchewan	J. H. Elliott	Carnduff.
South Carolina	Richard F. Divver	Anderson.
South Dakota	Edmund Cook	Wilmot.
South Australia	Matthew V. Adams	Adelaide.
Scotland	J. McNaught Campbell	Glasgow, 6 Franklin Ter.
Tennessee	C. V. Taylor	Morristown.
Texas	A. W. Campbell	Dallas.
Utah	John Alfred Reeves	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Charles A. Calderwood	St. Johnsbury.
Virginia	J. E. Sebrell	Courtland.
Victoria	Thomas Ford	Ivanhoe.
Washington	James W. Cloes	Tacoma.
Western Australia	Frederick J. West	Menzies.
West Virginia	Benjamin A. Caruthers	Charleston.
Wisconsin	E. A. Upham	Marshfield
*Wyoming		

* Does not exchange representatives.

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	Dr. George McDonald	Calgary.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
British Columbia	Robert E. Brett	Victoria, B. C.
California	John Wicher	San Francisco, 901 Call Bldg.
Canada	Ralph L. Gunn	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	Frank W. Havens, Deputy	Hartford
Delaware	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington, M. T.*
District of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	W. A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theo. W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Joseph S. Murrow	Atoka.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	H. B. Grant	Louisville, M. T.*
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	New Orleans, M. T.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg, M. T.*
Maryland	Wm. M. Isaac	Baltimore, M. T.*
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Boston, M. T.*
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul, 315 Dispatch Bld.
Mississippi	Frederic Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis, 510 Pine St.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, M. T.*
Nevada	Chauncey N. Noteware	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Prince William St.
New Hampshire	Frank D. Woodbury	Concord.
New Jersey	Benjamin F. Wakefield	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York, M. T.*
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo, M. T.*
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Halifax.
Ohio	John H. Bromwell	Cincinnati, M. T.,* rm. 16.
Oklahoma	Willam M. Anderson	Waurika.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland, 388 Yamhill St.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Philadelphia, M. T.*
Prince Edward Island	Neil MacKelvie	Summerside.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence, M. T.*

* Masonic Tempel.

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES—Continued.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Saskatchewan	Dr. John M. Shaw	Regina, M. T.*
South Carolina	Jacob T. Barron	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma, M. T.*
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee, M. T.*
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Residence.
Argentine Republic	.....	
Belgium	Eug. Brand	Brussels.
Chili	Luis A. Navarrete Y Lopez	Santiago de Chille, Casilla 53 D.
Costa Rica	Diego Povedano	San Jose, Apartado 220.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles	Habana, Someruelos 40.
Egypt	F. F. Oddi	Alexandria.
England	Edward Letchworth	London, W. C., Great Queen St.
Greece	Aristippe D. Schortsanitis	Athens, Rue Paleologue, 18
Ireland	H. E. Flavelle, D. G. S.	Dublin.
Mexico, Valle de	Felix M. Iglesias	Mexico City.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Auckland.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sidney.
Norway	Theodor Hansen	Christiania.
Peru	J. Benjamin Choza	Lima.
Porto Rico	Albert E. Martinez	San Juan.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	Brisbane, 231 Elizabeth St.
Scotland	David Reed	Edinburgh.
South Australia	J. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
Sweden	Sven H. B. Svensson	Stockholm.
Tasmania	John Hamilton, M. H. A.	Hobart, M. T.*
United G.·.L.·.Mexico	Benito E. Perez	Veracruz, Ver., Apartado Postal Num. 56.
United G.·.L.·.Victoria	David Meadowcraft	Melbourne.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.

*Masonic Temple.

In Memory

of the

Sixty Members of Lodges in North Dakota Whose Deaths are Reported on the 1908 Returns.

Lodge	Name	Date
Shiloh No. 1	Ira M. DeCamp	May 16, 1907
Shiloh No. 1	George M. Engle	April 19, 1908
Shiloh No. 1	John A. Johnson	June 14, 1907
Shiloh No. 1	Capt. Frederick Keye	July 23, 1907
Shiloh No. 1	John W. Mitchell (An E.·. A.·.)	Jan. 12, 1908
Shiloh No. 1	Richard H. Shadrick	Dec. 19, 1907
Shiloh No. 1	George Sutherland	May 2, 1907
Acacia No. 4	James H. Bosard	Nov. 1, 1907
Acacia No. 4	Robert M. Carothers	Feb. 4, 1908
Bismarck No. 5	Charles H. Phelps	.....
Jamestown No. 6	Julius J. Eddy	Dec. 18, 1907
Valley City No. 7	George W. Hoster	Dec. 3, 1907
Mandan No. 8	William L. Harper	Oct. 6, 1905
Mandan No. 8	William McKendry	Dec. 30, 1907
Hillsboro No. 10	William A. McCain	April 19, 1908
Hillsboro No. 10	John F. Selby	Jan. 8, 1908
Sheyenne Valley No. 12	Mathias L. Engle	April 25, 1908
Ellendale No. 13	Peleg Bristol	April 7, 1908
Ellendale No. 13	Jeremiah Carr	Aug. 14, 1907
Wahpeton No. 15	Joseph W. Blanding	April 19, 1901
Wahpeton No. 15	Chas. F. Falley	Dec. 27, 1907
Goose River No. 19	Hans P. Engh	Sept. 11, 1907
Minnewaukan No. 21	Thomas Cage (An E.·. A.·.)	Jan. 1908
Minnewaukan No. 21	Albert Swenson	Feb. 2, 1908
Bathgate No. 23	William Folker	July 23, 1907
Anchor No. 25	David F. Vail	Jan. 13, 1908
Golden Valley No. 26	John Code	Nov. 13, 1907
Golden Valley No. 26	Frederick Robb	March 5, 1908
Occidental No. 27	John R. Olson	March 1, 1908
Occidental No. 27	Earl J. Pepper	June 26, 1907
Occidental No. 27	William H. M. Philip	March 13, 1908
Forest River No. 28	Harry C. Parker	Oct. 6, 1907
Hope No. 29	Charles J. Herring	Oct. 6, 1896

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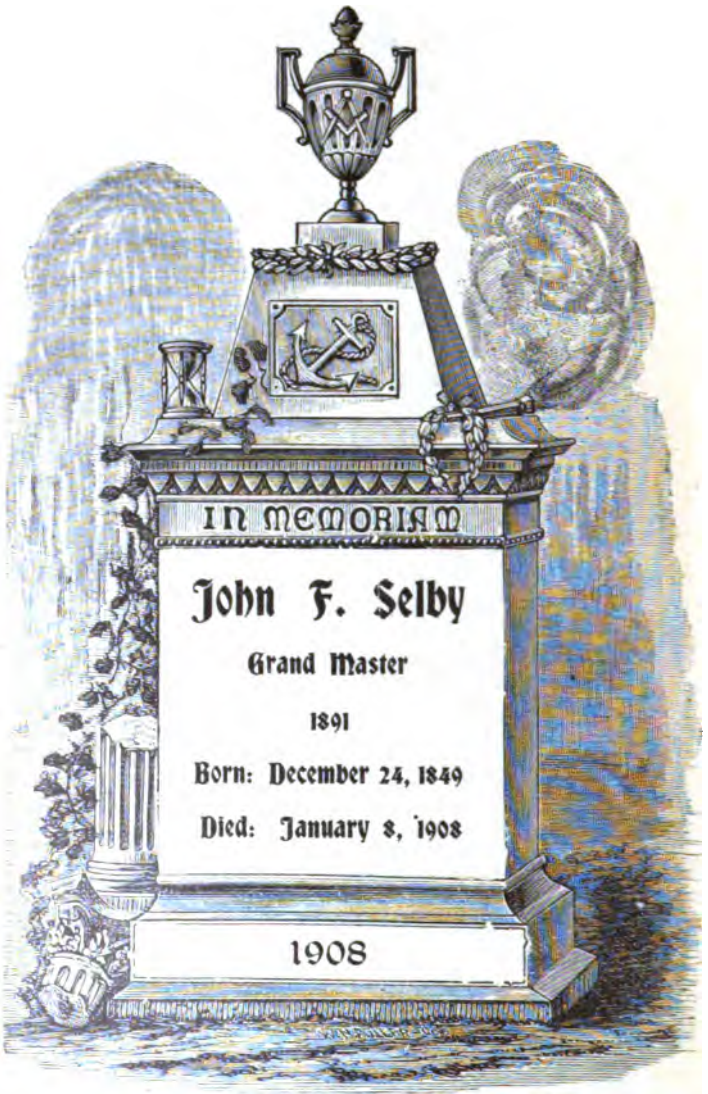
Lodge	Name	Date
Dickinson No. 32	John R. Current	Oct. 25, 1907
Dickinson No. 32	Charles E. Dobson	April 14, 1908
Dickinson No. 32	George W. Lee	Feb. 22, 1908
Star in the West No. 33.	Robert W. Davidson	Sept. 26, 1907
Star in the West No. 33.	John McJannet	April 30, 1908
Lebanon No. 34	Thomas Bennington	Feb. 8, 1908
Lebanon No. 34	Edward H. Gordon	June 8, 1907
Lebanon No. 34	Nicol E. McGruer	Oct. 5, 1907
Crystal No. 38	Robert Allan	About 1902
Cando No. 40	Thomas Hillerman	Sept. 2, 1907
Cando No. 40	Reuben E. S. Halsted	Oct. 27, 1907
Cando No. 40	Louis A. Kugel	March 21, 1908
Tuscan No. 44	William S. Flanery	Feb. 7, 1908
Northern Light No. 45.	R. Roe Raymond	Sept. 13, 1907
Evergreen No. 46	Oscar A. Anderson	March 15, 1908
Liberty No. 49	Arthur G. Higgins	Aug. 19, 1907
Mt. Moriah No. 51	Willie D. Atterberry	Dec. 17, 1907
Mt. Moriah No. 51	Aurelius P. Frazier	June 26, 1907
Fidelity No. 52	John D. Wallace	April 27, 1907
Harmony No. 53	Walter H. Boomer	Feb. 6, 1908
Harmony No. 53	Bernard Stoutland	.....
Welcome No. 54	William M. Anderson	July 6, 1907
Aurora No. 56	Louis K. Estabrook	Aug. 29, 1907
Aurora No. 56	James M. Watson	June 9, 1907
Ionic No. 64	Donald P. McTavish	April 10, 1908
Rugby No. 65	Charles A. Erickson	June 26, 1907
Leeds No. 67	Carl E. Johnson	Aug. 11, 1907
Leeds No. 67	Herman J. Schultz	Feb. 18, 1908
Ashlar No. 69	George A. Richards	Aug. 26, 1907


IN MEMORIAM
John F. Selby
Grand Master
1891
Born: December 24, 1849
Died: January 8, 1908
1908

IN MEMORIAM
Robert M. Carothers
Grand Master
1897
Born: April 16, 1859
Died: February 4, 1908
1908

IN MEMORIAM
To Those
of
Our Sister
Grand Jurisdictions
who
Have Gone Before
1908

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION OF SECRETARIES—(Some got away).

October 21-22, 1908. Front of Masonic Temple, Fargo, N. D.

Sitting Row, Right to Left: G. L. McGregor, P. G. M., Grand Lecturer-Auditor. B. A. Fahl (49), S. J. Hill, G. M., J. H. Black (14), A. W. Parmenter (81), G. Widmeyer (66), R. A. Bill, Carrington Chapter No. 15, P. J. Braman (60), S. H. Adams (62), W. O. Joos (71).
Standing Row, Left to Right: H. A. Holmes (43), C. Bechtel (22), P. H. Pickett (59), O. M. Erickson (69), O. C. Bailey (72), E Muus (33), J. D. Foley (27), T. Smith (85), M. Brathovde (42), F. F. Vaughan (40), G. F. Dullam (5), A. H. Peterson (8), C. C. Crawford (78), J. Riessbeck (32), P. G. M., J. A. May (63), R. L. Kenney (55), W. L. Carter (15), B. A. Provoost (9), C. M. Porter (56), E. C. Shanks (59), A. Dickinson (76), H. Hall (6), C. L. Henderson (61), A. H. Bell (21), F. J. Thompson (1), P. G. M., Grand Sec.
By Pillars, Right to Left: G. E. Bateman (77), W. W. King (9), O. F. Fansett (64), H. A. Moe (54), S. B. Hochman (53).

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Convention of Secretaries of Lodges
A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.
State of North Dakota,

Agreeably to the action of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota at its annual communication, June 30th, July 1st, 1908 (page 608-9), the M.·. W.·. Grand Master, Brother Sylvester J. Hill (1), called a Convention of the Secretaries of the several particular lodges in this grand jurisdiction, to be held Wednesday and Thursday, October 21st and 22d, 1908, at Fargo, N. D., in Masonic Temple, for the purpose of devising a uniform system of records, financial and otherwise, for the particular lodges of this state.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

In compliance with such call, the Secretaries aforesaid assembled, and were called to order in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, October 21, 1908, by the Grand Master, M.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill, who called upon the Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson, to explain the purpose of the meeting.

After the explanation, a temporary organization was effected with M.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill as Temporary President, and M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson as Temporary Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That a Committee on Credentials be appointed.

Carried.

The President appointed the following committee: Brothers Frank J. Thompson (1), H. John Rowe (3), Laurence G. Moultrie (7).

A recess was taken to permit the Committee on Credentials to perform its labor, after which the meeting was called to order, and the Committee made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To The Convention of Secretaries A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following names of those entitled to seats in this convention:

Brothers Present.	Representing Lodges.
Frank J. Thompson	Shiloh No. 1 Fargo.
H. John Rowe	Casselton No. 3.
George F. Dullam	Bismarck No. 5.
*Hugh Hall	Jamestown No. 6.
Laurence G. Moultrie	Valley City No. 7.
Arthur H. Peterson	Mandan No. 8.
*William W. King	Cereal No. 9, Tower City.
Benjamin A. Provoost	Crescent No. 11, Grafton.
James H. Black	Sanborn No. 14.
*Walter L. Carter	Wahpeton No. 15.
Albert H. Bell	Minnewaukan No. 21, Devils Lake.
Cyrus Bechtel	Tongue River No. 22, Cavalier.
John D. Foley	Occidental No. 27, Hope.
*John Riessbeck	Dickinson No. 32.
Einar Muus	Star in West No. 33, Minot.
Edward C. Shanks	Mizpah No. 39, Sheldon.
Forrest F. Vaughan	Cando No. 40.
Myron Brathovde	Reynolds No. 42.
Henry A. Holmes	Mouse River No. 43, Towner.
Byron A. Fahl	Liberty No. 49, Enderlin.
Stanislav B. Hochman	Harmony No. 53, Lidgerwood.
*Hans A. Moe	Welcome No. 54, Churchs Ferry.
*Robert L. Kenney	Dacotah No. 55, Mayville.
Charles M. Porter	Aurora No. 56, Carrington.
Perry H. Pickett	Independence No. 59, Leal.
Paul J. Braman	Century No. 60, New Rockford.
Clyde L. Henderson	Devotion No. 61, Harvey.
Samuel H. Adams	Hunter No. 62.
John A. May	Dickey No. 63.
Oren F. Fansett	Ionic No. 64, Hannah.
Guido Widmeyer	Rolla No. 66.
Ole M. Erickson	Ashlar No. 69, Granville.
William O. Joos	Wimbledon No. 71.
Oliver C. Bailey	Berthold No. 72.
Albert Dickinson	Velva No. 76.
George E. Bateman	Buffalo No. 77.
Charles C. Crawford	Corinthian No. 78, Calvin.
Almon W. Parmenter	Holden No. 81, Balfour.
Tillman Smith	Meadow No. 85, Upham.

*Proxy for Secretary.

Miscellaneous.

Sylvester J. Hill (1) .....Grand Master.
George L. McGregor (6) .....Past Grand Master, Grand Lecturer and Auditor.
Charles Allen (4) .....Secretary and Recorder Corinthian Chapter No. 3, R.·. A.·. M.·. and St. Aldemar Commandery No. 3, K.·. T.·., Grand Forks.
Robert A. Bill (56) .....Secretary Carrington Chapter No. 15, R.·. A.·. M.·.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
H. JOHN ROWE (3),
LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7),
Committee.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

A permanent organization was then effected, and Brother Benjamin Provoost (11), Grafton, was elected President, and Brother Edward C. Shanks (39), Sheldon, was elected Secretary.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Brother Frank J. Thompson (1) moved:

That the President appoint a Committee on Financial Records, a Committee on Dues Record; and a Committee on Minutes.

Carried.

NAMES OF COMMITTEES.

The President then announced the following committees:

Financial Records—Laurence G. Moultrie (7), Frank J. Thompson (1), Byron A. Fahl (49), George F. Dullam (5), John D. Foley (27).
Dues Record—Tillman Smith (85), Cyrus Bechtel (22), Hugh Hall (6), Albert H. Bell (21), Einar Muus (33).
Minutes—Guido Widmeyer (66), Forest F. Vaughan (40), John A May (63), Arthur H. Peterson (8), Oliver C. Bailey (72).

On motion, the convention adjourned until 3 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 21, 1908.

The convention was called to order at 3 p. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL RECORDS.

The Committee on Financial Records made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To The Convention of Secretaries A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Financial Records beg leave to recommend:

That the system of keeping the financial records of the several particular lodges of this grand jurisdiction, as prepared and outlined by the Grand Secretary on blanks circulated at the morning session amongst the Secretaries, be adopted.

Further, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have sample pages of various entries bound in fore-part of books as guide to Secretaries, with such other instructions as he may deem necessary for the full understanding of the system.

Fraternally submitted,

LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7),
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1),
BYRON A. FAHL (49),
GEORGE F. DULLAM (5),
JOHN D. FOLEY (27), *Committee.*

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON DUES RECORDS.

The Committee on Dues Records reported, and, after considerable discussion, the report, on motion, was referred back to the committee.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

The chairman of the Committee on Minutes requested further time, which was granted.

INVITATION BY SHILOH LODGE NO. 1, FARGO.

An invitation was extended in behalf of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, Fargo, to the delegates to attend a banquet at the dining rooms of the Commercial Club, and a theater party afterwards at the Grand Theater.

On motion, the convention adjourned to 10 a. m., to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 22, 1908.

The convention was called to order at 10 a. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON DUES RECORDS.

The Committee on Dues Record made the following report, which, on motion was adopted:

To The Convention of Secretaries A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Dues fraternally reports that one of two forms of dues books be kept by the Secretaries of each lodge; viz.:

An ordinary ledger, giving each brother a page, the leaves to be printed either with appropriate headings or left blank, and bound in permanent book form, or

The form used by the Secretary of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Fargo, containing a number of names to each page and extension of years, and recommend that the latter form be used by lodges having a membership of one hundred or more.

Your committee does not recommend a prohibition of the dues record by the so-called card system.

Your committee further recommends that the receipts for dues be in the following form:

Card, or a paper receipt bound in book form, with or without stub, wording substantially as follows:

..... No..... A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·.
..... North Dakota.

This is to certify that
Brother .....
is a member in good and regular standing of said Lodge and has paid his dues in full to ..... Paid $..... on ..... (or may add, "not good unless stamped 'Paid' on back thereof.")

.....
Secretary.

Your committee further recommends that a notice for the payment of dues, the same as Form No. 3 in Appendix of Forms, Masonic Code, 1906, be sent not later than the first of March each year to each member of each particular lodge who has not paid his dues for the current year.

Fraternally submitted,

TILLMAN SMITH (85), EINAR MUUS (33),
ALBERT H. BELL (21), HUGH HALL (6),
CYRUS BECHTEL (22), *Committee.*

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON MINUTES.

The Committee on Minutes of lodge meetings made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To The Convention of Secretaries A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Minutes begs leave to report:

That the Secretaries of the masonic lodges of this grand jurisdiction use the order and wording of minutes as recommended and submitted by the Grand Secretary;

That it be left optional with the individual Secretary to use any form of minute book he may desire.

Fraternally submitted,

GUIDO WIDMEYER (66),
ARTHUR H. PETERSON (8),
FORREST F. VAUGHAN (40),
OLIVER C. BAILEY (72),
JOHN A. MAY (63),
Committee.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

On motion, the following Committee on Resolutions was appointed by the President:

Stanislav B. Hochman (53),
Robert L. Kenney (55),
John Riessbeck (32).

On motion, the convention adjourned to 2 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

October 22, 1908.

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m.

REPORT—COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on resolutions made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To The Convention of Secretaries A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota:

Your Committee on Resolutions begs leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, This being the first known Convention of Secretaries of our beloved institution in the State of North Dakota, held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Fargo, October 21-22, 1908, if not the first in the history of the craft, to promote and help ourselves in our important work—for in unity there is strength—we pride ourselves in the splendid attendance, and the manifestation of interest on the part of those present.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That this convention express its thanks to Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Fargo, N. D., for the hospitality extended to us in the use of its hall during the convention, for the bounteous banquet at the Commercial Club, and for the entertainment at the Grand Theater.

Be It Resolved, That this convention extend thanks to the Grand Secretary, M.·. W.·. Brother Frank J. Thompson, for his untiring efforts to aid in the success of this convention, and to M.·. W.·. Brother Sylvester J. Hill Grand Master.

Be It Resolved. That in continuance of the beneficial results of this convention, the necessary supplies connected with our office, in order to conform with the decision of this body, be purchased from one source; namely, the Grand Secretary, if convenient to him.

Be It Also Resolved, That it is the sense of the Secretaries present that we agree heartily with the efforts of the Grand Secretary to stipulate larger liberality on the part of particular lodges in compensating the secretaries for their services.

Fraternally submitted,

STANISLAV B. HOCHMAN (53),
ROBERT L. KENNEY (55),
JOHN RIESSBECK (32),
Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO GRAND LODGE.

Brother Byron A. Fahl (49) moved:

That the Grand Secretary recommend to the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication, that to the petitions for affiliation be added a proper place in which the applicant is to state the dates of his initiation, passing and raising;

That the present form of dimit be changed so that it will show the dates of the initiation, passing and raising of the dimitting brother.

Carried.

EXCURSION.

On behalf of Shiloh Lodge No. 1, A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·., of Fargo, an invitation was extended to the delegates to a sight-seeing ride in a chartered car over the street railway lines of Fargo and Moorhead.

On motion, the convention adjourned sine die at 3 p. m.

EDWARD C. SHANKS (49),
Secretary.

REMARKS.

The minutes of the convention read smooth and even, but conclusions were not arrived at without discussion and many earnest conferences of the committees and delegates with the committees. Many Secretaries brought their own records, and these were inspected and all given due consideration.

Although the convention was not so largely attended as it could be wished, yet some forty lodges were represented, and many more had sent in regrets of the inability of Secretaries, or others to represent them, to be present. The delegates met, with very few exceptions, total strangers to one another; yet before the convention was over, a comradeship had sprung up, and the spirit of good-will and of fraternity broke down the barriers of short acquaintance, and aroused a spirit of friendship, which made it appear, before the close, that old friends had gathered.

At the opening of the convention, it was strongly predicted that no conclusion could be arrived at, and that the labors of the convention would be practically nothing. This prediction was not fulfilled, and the desire of the Grand Lodge to have a uniform system of records was accomplished, and accomplished with a spirit of good-will which could hardly be anticipated at the opening. The delegates were earnest in the purpose for which they came. In many ways, it was remarkable; for forty Secretaries had come with forty ways of keeping their records, and each one believing his own the best or good enough. To have these barriers of usage and prejudice buried, and all agree unanimously upon the system adopted, cannot but strike the observer as a wonderful exemplification of what earnest and honest men can accomplish when setting out to attain a universal end.

At the banquet on Wednesday evening, some sixty participated, and after the same the delegates adjourned to the Masonic Temple and were shown the various settings on the stage in the auditorium, after which the theater party was attended. The excursion over the street railway lines of Fargo and Moorhead was a happy incident, and all separated leaving behind only pleasant recollections.

The only regrettable feature of the convention was that more lodges did not participate, yet it is more the loss of the non-participating than it was of the convention. The good influence of the commingling, of the exchanging of ideas, of the personal acquaintances, must have a beneficial effect; and those who read this report, and who were not present, and should have been, can mark down in the ledgers of their lives, "one good thing lost."—*Grand Secretary.*

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At the Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·.M.·. of the State of North Dakota, held at Fargo, June 30th and July 1st, 1908, the following grand officers were elected, appointed and installed:

—Elected—

SYLVESTER J. HILL (1), M.·. W.·. GRAND MASTER ..... FARGO
HALFDAN BENDEKE (4), R.·.W.·.Deputy Grand Master..... Grand Forks
JOHN J. HULL (15), R.·.W.·.Senior Grand Warden..... Wahpeton
ROBERT MORRISON (2), R.·.W.·.Junior Grand Warden..... Pembina
CLINTON D. LORD (26), R.·.W.·.Grand Treasurer ..... Park River
FRANK J. THOMPSON (1), R.·. W.·. GRAND SECRETARY..... FARGO

—Appointed—

WILLIAM E. HOOVER (26), W.·.Senior Grand Deacon..... address, Fargo
JAMES L. GREEN (39), W.·.Junior Grand Deacon..... Sheldon
WALTER L. WILIAMSON (12)), W.·.Senior Grand Steward..... Lisbon
FRANK A. COUSINS (56), W.·.Junior Grand Steward..... Carrington
THOMAS SIMS (44), W.·.Grand Marshal ..... Bottineau
WILLIAM SPRIGGS (4), W.·.Grand Sword Bearer..... Grand Forks
JORGEN HOWARD (10), W.·.Grand Pursuivant..... Hillsboro
ALEXANDER B. TAYLOR (1), W.·.Grand Tyler..... Fargo
LAURENCE G. MOULTRIE (7), W.·.Grand Chaplain..... Valley City
WALTER L. STOCKWELL (11), W.·.Grand Orator..... Grafton
GEORGE L. MCGREGOR (6), W.·.G. Lecturer and Auditor..... address, Fargo
JAMES W. FOLEY (5), W.·.Fraternal Correspondent..... Bismarck

Standing Committees

Jursiprudence Committee—George L. McGregor (6), address, Fargo; James McDonald (11), Grafton; George H. Keyes (13), Ellendale; Thomas L. Foulks (12), address, Fargo; Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton; James T. Blacklock (35), address, Walhalla; James W. Foley (5), Bismarck; Louis A. Jacobson (27), Hope; Grant S. Hager (30), St. Thomas; John Riessbeck (32), Dickinson.

Finance Committee—Alexander B. Taylor (1), Fargo; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo; Frank H. Sprague (11), Grafton; Harry Lord (40), Cando; Clarence A. Hale (4), Grand Forks.

Grievances and Appeals—John McDonald (28), Inkster; Halley V. Hicks (29), Oakes; Augustus P. Folson (32), Dickinson; William A. Dillon (5), Bismarck; James Johnson (33), Minot.

Oratorical Contest—Walter L. Stockwell (11), Grafton, term three years; William E. Hoover (26), address, Fargo, term two years; Frank J.Thompson (1), Fargo, term one year.

Masonic Relief Fund Trustees—George E. Duis (4), Grand Forks, term three years, President; Laurence G. Moultrie (7), Valley City, term two years; E. George Guthrie (3), address, Fargo, term one year, Secretary.

The Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.·. F.·. & A.·. M.·. of North Dakota will be held at Grand Forks, beginning the fourth Tuesday in June, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m.